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Employers urged to show support for troops

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A group of Grayling business leaders cruised through the Straits of Mackinac last week as they learned how to enable National Guard and Reserve members to break the ice into the workforce after being called to duty.

The employers and business officials took a two-hour tour on the Coast Guard ice breaker Biscayne Bay, which is based at the St. Ignace Coast Guard Station. The program was a joint effort between the Michigan Committee for the National Guard and Reserve and the Coast Guard aimed at garnering support for military members who are part of the workforce.

"It's just another opportunity for us to talk to employers so they can get a feel for what the Guard and Reserve are doing," said Gary Aten, executive director of the Michigan Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Taking the trip were Kay Cosgray, business liaison for Michigan Works; Keith Kenney and Rick Tift, owners of E-Z Built Homes; Dave Malm and Bonnie Doremire from Weyerhaeuser; and Tony Nash, operations manager for AJD Forest Products.

Business leaders said they gained a greater understanding of the role the Guard and Reserve play in the military. Due to downsizing of the military following the end of the Cold War, there are currently only 1.3 million active duty military personnel while there is 1.2 million personnel serving in the Guard and Reserve.

There are some types of military capabilities that are only found in the Guard and Reserve components. There are currently over 180,000 Guard members and Reservists serving on active duty fighting the war on terror.

"They are giving a lot more than just one weekend a month and a couple weeks a year," Nash said. "We have to do what we can to support these people and we have to stick together."

Employers were urged to draft their human resource and benefit policies to deal with Guard and Reserve members who may be called away from their jobs.

"You need to have understanding that there is a bigger reason than your business that they have to leave," Kenney said.

Employers were asked to sign a statement of support for the Guard and Reserve.

Doremire, whose husband

Mike Doremire is a range control officer at Camp Grayling, said Weyerhaeuser human resource officials look at military service when they are seeking to bring people on their workforce.

"It's another level of diversity that is really important to an organization," Doremire said.

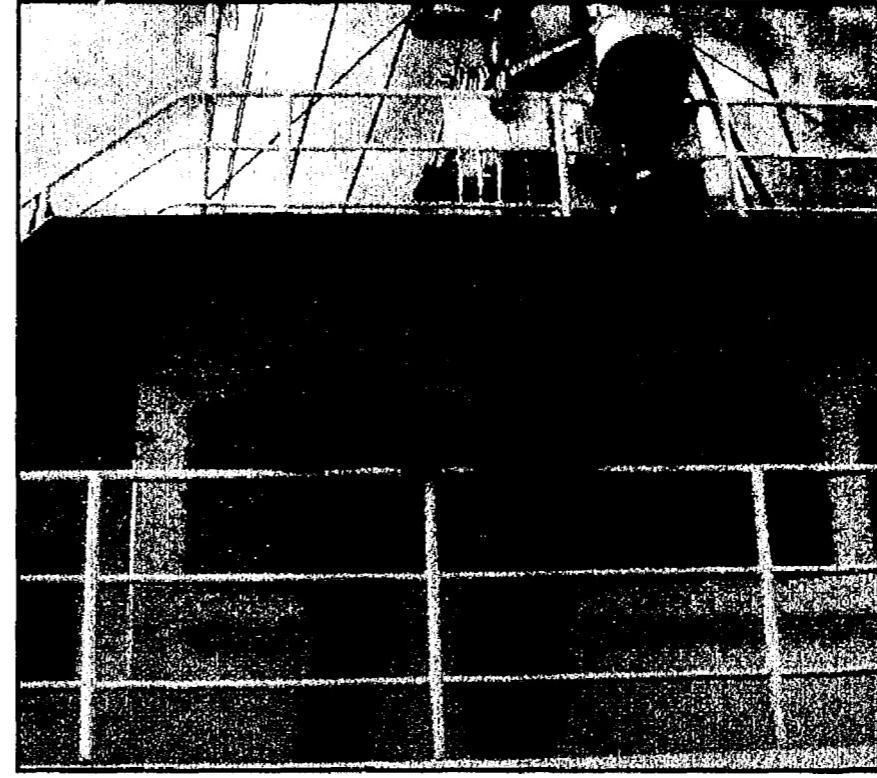
Along with learning more about the Guard and Reserve, officials also were educated on the role that the Coast Guard plays. The Coast Guard crews maintains buoys, fight the war on drugs and also go on international missions in support of the military.

Nicknamed the "Sentinel of the Straits," the Biscayne Bay broke new ice near the Mackinac Bridge and traveled through previous channels the ship had opened.

"It's just amazing that it can plow through that stuff without any effort at all," Kenney said.

Malm said it was odd to see snowmobiles flying by while the ship was crashing through the ice.

"The sheer force and power that thing produces - it's almost like you're constantly hearing the ice breaking and smashing," Malm said. "It doesn't really care what's in front of it."



Photos Courtesy of Dave Malm

Grayling employers got a close up view of the Mackinac Bridge aboard the Coast Guard Ice Breaker Biscayne Bay through a program sponsored by Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Above, Weyerhaeuser General Manager Dave Malm and Keith Kenney, vice president of E-Z Built Homes, are pictured aboard the ship.



Officials seek input on city park plans

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A committee representing various City of Grayling boards has been formed to gather input on what the public would like to see in the city park.

The city received a \$465,000 Michigan Department of Natural Resources recreation to help spruce up the city park last year.

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe, who is administering the grant, has asked Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Grayling Parks and Recreation Committee, Grayling City Council, Grayling Planning Commission members and city staff to serve on the committee.

Appointed to the committee were:

- Larry Akers, a city council member.
- Kim McClain, a city council member.
- Mary Ann Ferrigan, the secretary for the Grayling Parks and Recreation Committee.
- Dan Bonamie, a Grayling Planning Commission and Zoning Board member.
- Chad Beckett, the director of Grayling Department of Public

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECEIVES GRANT

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Artifacts kept at the Crawford County Historical Museum recently received an added measure of protection and safety made possible by a grant from Great Lakes Energy.

The Crawford County Historical Society recently received a \$2,000 grant from Great Lakes Energy's People Fund in order to make upgrades at the museum.

The grant funds have already been used to replace a wall heater in the upstairs portion of the museum, making the building more energy efficient and addressing a potential fire hazard.

"We've seen the utility costs go down by a couple of hundred bucks already so that's been a huge plus," said Kay Cosgray, chairwoman for the Crawford County Historical Society Board of Directors.

Now, the locks at the museum will be replaced, the security system will be upgraded, dead bolt locks will be placed on the doors and lighting will be placed in the court yard at the museum.

Addressing security and safety issues at the museum was prompted by inspections completed last year by



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Artifacts kept at the Crawford County Historical Museum recently received an added measure of protection and safety made possible by a grant from Great Lakes Energy.

Grayling City Police Officer Tim Coe and Travis Roberts, the fire marshal for the Grayling City/Township Fire Department.

"It's just been a huge push for us," said Cosgray about

addressing security and safety issues at the Museum.

The Great Lakes Energy People Fund was formed to help customers enhance the quality of life in the communities served by the electric coop-

erative.

Bills of participating customers are rounded up to the next dollar amount and grants are awarded to non-profit organizations and charitable activities.

National Guard family fund receives \$100,000

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

DaimlerChrysler President and Chief Executive Officer Dieter Zetsche presented a \$100,000 check last week from the DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund to the Michigan National Guard Family Fund, a non-profit group which assists Guard families who encounter financial hardships during a military deployment.

Maj. Gen. Thomas Cutler, the Michigan National Guard adjutant general, accepted the donation on behalf of more than 11,000 Guard members and their families.

"Words can not express my gratitude for this very generous donation," Cutler said.

"DaimlerChrysler provides great support to their employees when they are called to military duty and now they are supporting all Guard families. They are truly a model corporate partner."

Cutler said that Zetsche originally told him to expect a donation of \$50,000.

"When he handed me a check for twice that amount, I am convinced my heart skipped a beat," Cutler said. "This is the largest donation we have received."

Since Sept. 11, more than 60 percent of the Michigan National

Guard has been deployed, leaving as many as 6,000 Michigan families behind, often for 12 months or more.

"Whenever I ask a Soldier or Airman what their number one deployment concern is, they unanimously answer - my family," Cutler said. "While they are gone, they are entrusting us to watch out for their loved ones - sometimes the families need emotional support, sometimes financial. Through our statewide family network and contributions to our family fund, we can take care of both, but we rely heavily on contributions, which is why I so appreciate the DaimlerChrysler family for opening their hearts to the Michigan National Guard family."

The donation was given to Michigan Guard officials in Lansing, but the funds are available to any Michigan Army or Air National Guard family.

"It doesn't matter whether they're deployed or not, but most people that apply for funds are deployed families," said Master Sgt. Les Koren, a family support assistant in the Family Support Office in Lansing.

Families can apply for up to \$500 per year from the fund. The

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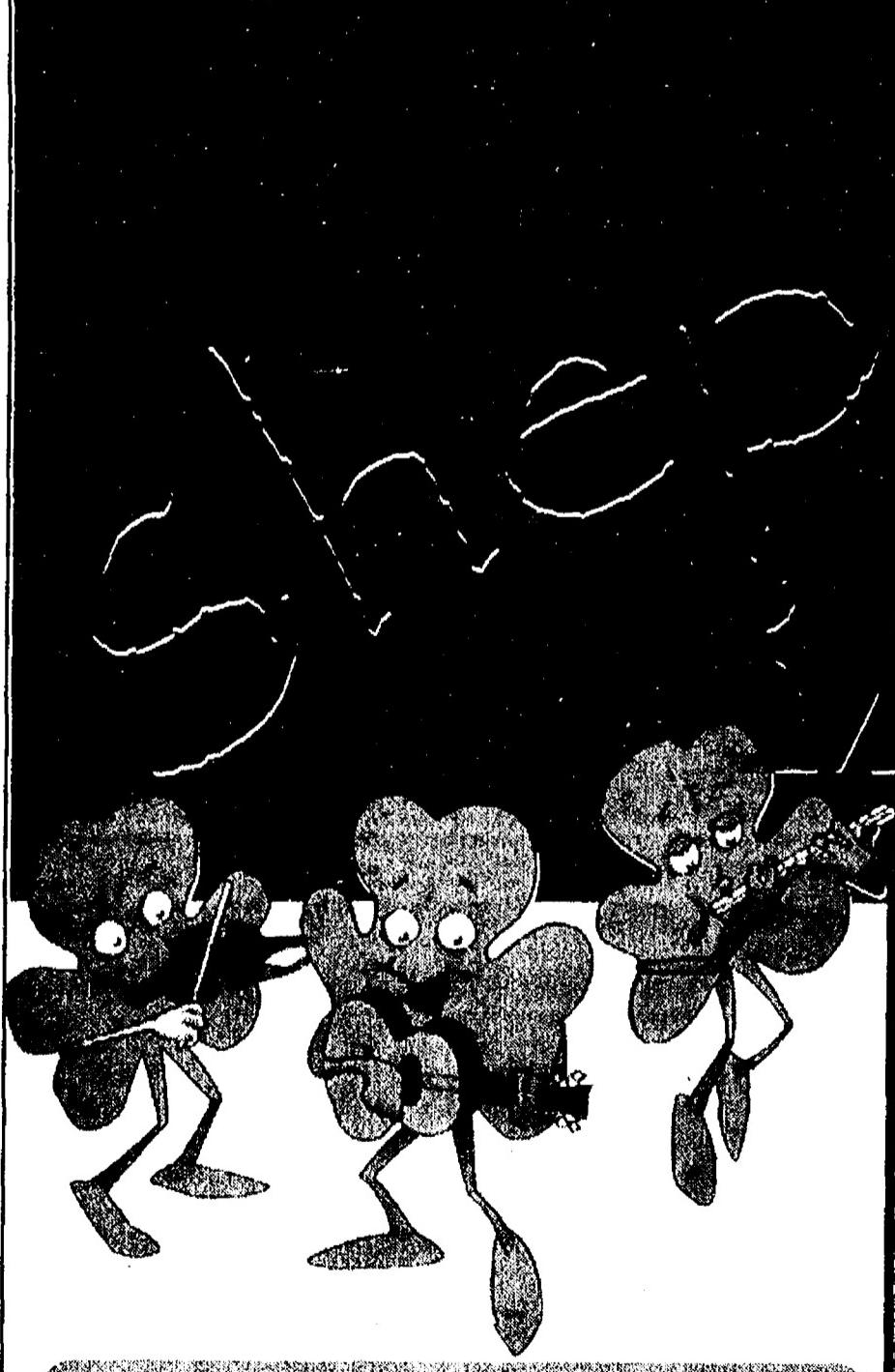
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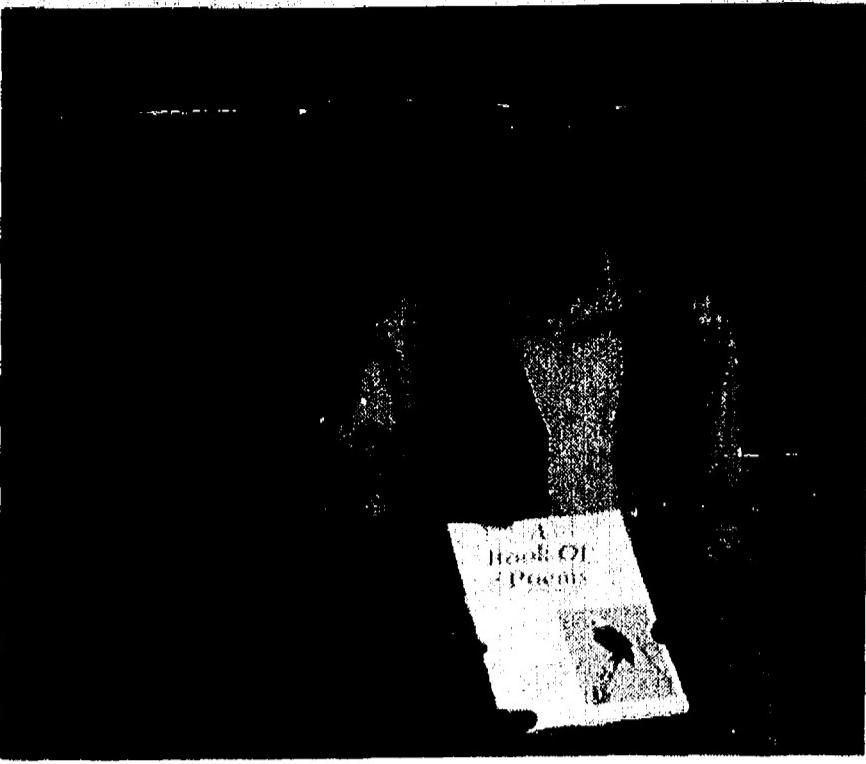
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James Kehr presents his book to Library Director Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson on Monday, February 28. Kehr said that \$2 of every book sold goes directly to the National Military Dependents Relief Fund.

Mall, said that all the poems in the book are heartfelt, even the funny ones. In the book's prelude, he writes that if the reader enjoys only one of the poems, it was worth his time and effort.

Kehr plans to have his book for sale in DuBois Lumber, Ole Dam Party Store, Rochettes, The Copy Shop, 7-11 and at J.J.'s Motor Mall.

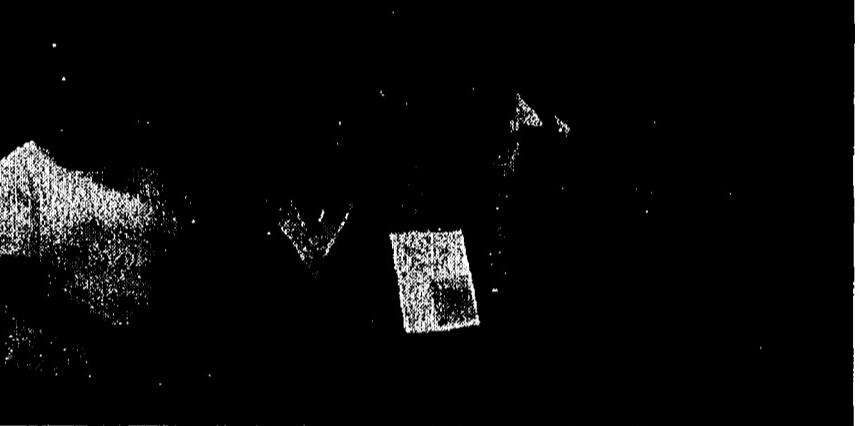
DuBois Lumber built display shelves for Kehr's book.

"A Book of Poems" is priced at \$15, and Kehr says that he is paying the sales taxes on it, and any shipping costs to anywhere in the United States.

Orders can be placed by calling Kehr's toll free number, 1-888-257-3077.

Kehr said that poetry is a way for him to make sense out of what has happened. He said he thinks about the soldiers who have and are giving their lives to maintain and protect his freedom "all the time."

"These poems are red, white and blue," Kehr said.



James Kehr credits his family for their support as he compiled his collection of poetry.

Photos by Josh Greenberg

Three injured in head-on car accident

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Three Grayling area residents sustained only minor injuries in a head-on crash which occurred on slippery roads Monday.

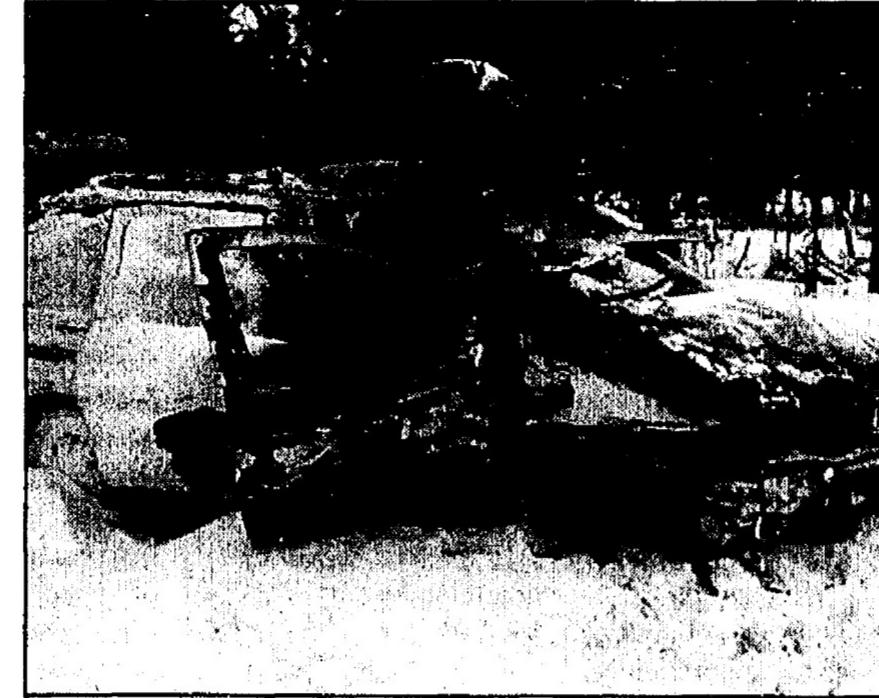
The accident happened around 1:28 p.m. Monday on M-72 near

Danish Landing Road in Grayling Township.

Kathy Piehl was driving her van west bound when she lost control on the slick roads, crossing the center lane and colliding with an eastbound car driven by Brandon Pratt. Angela Piehl was

riding with her mother.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office Snowmobile Officer Ryan Swope was the first to arrive on the scene, followed by sheriff's deputies, Mobile Medical Response EMS and the Grayling City/Township Fire Department.



Photos Courtesy of Crawford County Sheriff's Office

Kathy Piehl was driving a van westbound on M-72 near Danish Landing Road when she lost control on the slippery roads, crossing the center lane and colliding with an eastbound car driven by Brandon Pratt.

Library achieves 'enhanced' certification

by Josh Greenberg
Staff Writer

The Devereaux Memorial Library became one of only three libraries in Michigan to receive the Quality Services Advisory Committee's (QSAC) Essential and Enhanced certifications.

"Achieving QSAC's Essential certification is the first step a library can take toward verifying the superior services it offers," said State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau.

Essential certification requires services that every library can

and should achieve. Enhanced certification, however, has more stringent requirements and more demanding electives. Libraries must meet all requirements and choose their electives in order to receive an Enhanced certification.

Not only did Devereaux Memorial Library receive these certifications, they did so as a Class IV library. There are six classes of libraries, ranging from a Class VI, which services a large population, to a Class I, which services a smaller one.

Library Director Bambi

Mansfield-Sanderson said that Devereaux is very nearly a Class III library, making it more difficult to meet Enhanced certification requirements for funding, and for the facility itself.

"Part of the reason we received that certification is Leslie Devereaux's generosity and Ed Parks' design. Lighting was a key in us being recognized," Mansfield-Sanderson said.

Another component of the success, she said, was the community:

"Taxpayers need to be credited

for being patient with us as we developed and grew."

Project Coordinator for Quality Services, Martha Seaman McKee, pointed out that Devereaux is the first member of the Northland Library Cooperative to achieve QSAC certification.

According to Mansfield-Sanderson, the George Griffith and Marion Wright Memorial Fly-fishing Library is now one of the three largest dedicated fly-fishing libraries in the country.

She said that she'd be striving to make it number one.

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money is paid directly to creditors for transportation, utility and housing expenses. Phone bills can not be submitted for payment because phone service is considered to be a luxury, but is still needed to keep in contact with soldiers overseas as well as family and friends.

"We help with other bills so they free up money so they can pay their phone bills," Koren said.

Koren said the family support office has assisted several fami-

lies with their heating bills this winter.

"We've filled a lot of propane tanks because of the weather and the cost of fuel," Koren said.

Jack Rasmussen, the family assistant coordinator at Camp Grayling who covers an area which runs from West Branch to Mackinaw City, said he has assisted a couple of families with utility bills and car repairs.

"Usually, they are reluctant to ask for help, but that changed when they learned more about the Family Support funds," said

Rasmussen, who contacts families of deployed soldiers once a month. "There is a lot of help out there if they need help. All they have to do is ask for it."

There are currently, 2,200 Michigan National Guard men and women who are deployed and Michigan Guard officials don't expect the deployments or the financial hardships to end any time soon.

Michigan citizens and businesses have been so generous, but I'm concerned that the donations may taper off now that the

holidays are past us," Cutler said. To make a contribution to the Michigan National Guard Family Fund, mail donations to 2500 South Washington Avenue, Lansing MI, 48913. For more information, call (517) 702-5102 or 702-5116.

Rasmussen can be reached at Camp Grayling at (989) 344-6143.

Officials seek input on park plans

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Works.

• Kelly Elmy, a DDA Board member and owner of DuBois Lumbar Co.

Lowe said he asked citizens who volunteer who serve on the various city boards to be on committee in order to get a good vision on what the community would like to see in the park. The park is included in the city DDA district. The DDA, planning commission and city council will all ultimately have to approve the plans. The Grayling Parks and Recreation Committee has recommended that the former Crawford County Library, which is owned by the city, be used as a welcoming center for the city and which would also house rest rooms.

"We want them involved in the very beginning, working on the

project," Lowe said.

The grant funds had been earmarked to pay for needed rest rooms, parking spaces, a handicapped accessible pedestrian bridge over the AuSable River. A fishing pier, which will give access to the river and control erosion problems, and a canoe launch, were would open up the backwaters of the AuSable River, are also planned for in the grant.

The committee members are going to speak to senior citizens, students and to civic groups to see if they support plans for the park or would like to see the funds used in another way.

"We would like public input on what the community would like to see we can get going on some of this," Bonamie said.

The state has given the city a September, 2006 deadline to complete the project.

Candidates for School Board ready to run

Jim Tobin, Douglas Slater and James M. Hulbert are the three School Board candidates that have filed Statements of Organization with County Clerk Sandra Moore.

The three candidates will be competing for two four-year terms on the Board of Education of the Crawford AuSable School District.

Moore said that the last day for residents to register to vote is April 4, at 4 pm. Residents can register with the County Clerk, any township clerk, or with the Secretary of State.

The election will be held on Tuesday, May 3.

Correction

In the February 24, 2005 Avalanche: the Brinks, Jordan wed announcement - Eric Brinks, Lindsey's brother was a groomsman and was inadvertently omitted. Also, in the Avalanche Sweethearts 2005 - Lacie Ann Hoffman was submitted with the wrong birthdate, it should have read 5/01/04.

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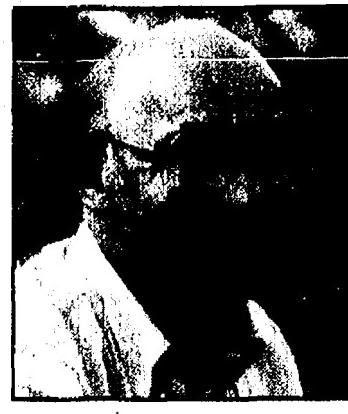
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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Budgeteers try new system for old problems

STATE BUDGET makers in Lansing are trying out a new system this time around to try to make financial ends meet for state government.

The way the new approach is supposed to work is that budget makers first prioritize which activities of state government are of highest value and achieve the best results, and so should receive always scarce tax dollars.

For several weeks, legislators are meeting as "results teams" to look at what the state is doing now and whether present state programs are producing desired results.

The result, according to the blueprint, would be a budget that is "outcomes based."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm is using the same approach. She introduced her proposed state budget to focus on six goals: education, health and human services, the environment, the state's economy, and hometown security.

The vital part, of course, will be when the legislature reconciles priorities between the house and the senate, as

well as between parties. Even more contentious may be when legislative priorities collide with the governor's programs.

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'OUTCOMES BASED' budgeting is billed as a new approach for government budgets at all levels.

The usual method of writing budgets is to work from the present budget and add or subtract from each item and program that's already included. That's an easier way to do things, and often is an effective way to put together a budget.

Continuous budgeting assumes every-

thing the government now does is right. However, in many cases, government may be wasting money by supporting programs that are ineffective or no longer needed or morphed into something entirely different than first intended, but they go on simply because they're there.

All programs in any government, at one time or another, were championed by someone, usually an elected official. To drop or cut anything from one year to

the next creates howls from those who benefit from them. Politics often comes into play.

The outcomes budget idea comes from a book called "The Price of Government: Getting the Results We Need in an Age of Permanent Fiscal Crisis," co-authored by Peter Hutchinson, who developed and honed his ideas as a budget official in Minnesota state government. The ideas seemed to work there, so he is spreading the gospel through Public Strategies Group, his consulting firm based in Minnesota.

According to a recent story in The Detroit News, Hutchinson argues that leaders should dole out the state's tax revenue according to citizens' top priorities, rather than simply revise the previous year's spending plan. That makes government live within its means, he says."

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GOV. GRANHOLM reportedly has studied the book, and incorporated some of its principles in her budget proposals.

According to the same Detroit News story, Mr. Hutchinson is being paid \$750,000 to help the legislature adapt his program to the Michigan budget, but the fee is not coming from public funds.

Instead, two interest groups, in a rather unusual and expensive expression of support for good government - the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and Michigan Association of Realtors - are sharing the Hutchinson fee.

If the Michigan budget can be straightened out in an equitable fashion, both these business groups and their members will benefit, as will all of Michigan.

Personally I prefer a system of "zero base budgeting" which is closely akin to the Hutchinson method.

Zero base budgeting wipes the slate clean from the past, both income and outgo, and starts from scratch.

Budget makers first decide what the government should be doing. Each program must be adopted new each year. In a sense, the "results" orientation is applied here, too, but the entire role of

government must be examined and established each year, and each request for expenditure must be justified from the first dollar.

Then after the needs are identified, the money is appropriated to carry out what the decision makers have determined as the proper role of the government, and state revenues are adjusted accordingly.

Revenues must be expanded to meet the needs, instead of the needs being constricted to fit within current revenues.

Government is established to serve people and meet public needs that cannot otherwise be met as well or at all. Balancing the budget also is essential.

But too often, it seems to me, the former is sacrificed to the latter.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newsman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

How do gas stations arrive at their prices?

To the editor:

I have a question I would like to ask all the manager/operators of the gas stations in our town of Grayling. Why is it that the gas prices in Grayling are always so much higher than the surrounding areas?

I recently have been to Houghton Lake and could not help but notice that all the gas stations on the M-55 strip have their gas at \$1.73 a gallon while ours stays at \$2.03 to \$2.06 per gallon. Also, Gaylord has their prices at \$1.98 per gallon. This was all in the same time frame, which was as recent as the week of February 7.

Now if you happen to travel to Kalkaska, they, at times are even lower. Why? Is this a fleecing of Grayling residents? I know business owners want to make a buck and would like to take advantage of the tourists that flow through our town, but what about us year round locals? One

gas station use to have a Senior Citizen discount Tuesday. Why couldn't someone have a Grayling 10% discount day?

Every one cent difference in price means big bucks when you start to talk in the thousands. If the guy down the street is selling gas for five cents a gallon more at 100,000 gallons per month, he is making an additional \$5,000 more than the other guy.

I was in Sault Saint Marie the first of February and gas prices were as low as \$1.88 per gallon and at that time Grayling was \$2.08 per gallon, that's a difference of 20 cents, times 100,000 gallons equals \$20,000.

I'm sorry if this offends anyone, but I would really like to know how Grayling stations arrive at their prices. This inquiring mind would like to know!

Kathy Riehle
Grayling

WASHINGTON NOTES

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Standing with our troops

Members of America's armed forces make many sacrifices for our country, daily putting their lives at risk in the line of duty. Too often, however, what our service members receive in return are incorrect paychecks, inadequate equipment, and unanswered questions regarding the length of their deployments.

In order to address some of these concerns, I recently introduced legislation with some of my Senate colleagues called the "Standing With Our Troops Act." Our bill would bolster the protection and benefits we offer our service members and their families and would help to show the nation's gratitude for their service.

As the U.S. military presence around the world has increased in the past few years, our service members have been stretched thin. Our troop strength is simply too low to sustain our military operations.

To address the problem, the "Standing With Our Troops Act" would authorize increases of up to 40,000 additional active duty soldiers and Marines over the next two years.

By increasing the number of soldiers and Marines, we will increase our ability to deploy

troops when duty calls without the current heavy burdens on them and their families.

There have been widespread concerns in the services recently about problems with pay and compensation. In two separate reports, the Government Accountability Office has found that more than 90 percent of mobilized reserve component personnel experienced pay problems, and that "pay problems often had a profound adverse impact on individual soldiers and their families."

Further, the military pay of many of our mobilized National Guard and Reserve personnel is less than the pay they receive from their civilian jobs. Many private employers already pay a wage differential to those who lose money. We should do more to encourage other employers - including the federal government - to make up pay difference for those serving on active duty.

To address these problems, the "Standing With Our Troops Act" proposes tax relief for mobilized service members and their employers. The bill would enable National Guard and Reserve personnel to make penalty-free withdrawals from qualified retirement plans; give

employers a tax deduction for making up the difference between military pay and civilian income of mobilized reservists; and authorize a tax credit to small business employers who continue to pay reservists on active duty for costs of hiring a replacement employee. It would also require federal agencies to make up the pay differences for federal employees who are ordered to active duty.

No benefit can replace the loss of a soldier, sailor, airman or Marine who has given his or her life in service for our country. Every survivor would choose to have the service member alive and healthy rather than any compensation that our government can provide. However, that doesn't mean that the benefits to the survivors of those service members who lose their lives shouldn't be full and generous. The current benefits are simply inadequate.

Our bill would increase the benefits provided to survivors of military personnel who die on active duty by raising the death gratuity to \$100,000 from its current level just over \$12,000. We would also allow surviving spouses to receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

from the VA as well as a Survivor Benefit Plan annuity from the Department of Defense (currently the former is deducted from the latter). We cannot place a monetary value on a life that is given in service to our nation, but we should do more to support survivors of our service members.

In addition to these changes, the bill would increase funding for the Army and Marine Corps to repair and replace worn-out equipment used in Iraq and Afghanistan; provide access to the military's health care program to drilling reservists during periods when they are not on active duty; require a review of mobilization and deployment policies to ensure that these policies are fair and clearly communicated to service members; and establish an advisory panel on military awards and decorations to streamline the process of awarding medals.

We are indebted to the men and women serving in our armed forces for their dedicated and unselfish service to our country. I hope that the measures included in this bill will serve as a further token of the nation's sincere appreciation for their great sacrifices and service.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S.

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VIEWPOINT

by Linda Kinney

Restoring Work First Funding Gets People Back to Work, Changes Lives

Work First - Michigan's welfare reform program - helps people move from welfare to work. Michigan Works! believes one of the most important keys to reversing the state's budget woes is getting people back to work, and we're able to do that largely because of Work First. Prior reductions in Work First funding have led to more dependency on welfare, cuts to individualized and supportive services, and longer lengths of time required to get people back to work. It's a drain on our resources and those of the state. Work First needs to be fully funded.

Restoring Work First funding to \$130 million would create a win-win situation by generating a positive economic and social return on investment for the state of Michigan by putting people back to work. Every dollar invested in Work First generates a return on investment of \$5.

That's an incredible value.

Since Work First was last fully funded in 2001, funding has decreased 22 percent while welfare caseloads have steadily risen. The current average monthly welfare caseload is nearly 78,000, which is a significant increase from 69,453 in 2001. All of this during times when federal funding for welfare reform has remained constant at about \$850 million.

The 100 local Michigan Works! Service Centers statewide serve all of Michigan's welfare recipients who are referred to the Work First program.

For Laura Brandt, a Work First client referred to Michigan Works! for job placement assistance, Work First means so much more.

One year ago, Laura and her two small children left an abusive husband with nothing but

the clothes on their backs. With no money, no job, little job skills, no transportation and no place to live, Laura turned to Michigan Works!

With Work First funding, Michigan Works! helped Laura update her resume and improve her interview and computer skills. When Laura obtained a car to get her to and from work, Work First funding paid for the needed repairs and insurance, and paid for work clothing.

With new confidence and new skills, she was hired by a local law firm, and found a better job a short time later as an Office Manager with a well-known firm based in Whitmore Lake. Laura handles accounts payable and receivable, invoicing, inventory control, scheduling and collections. Laura loves her job, and she knows she couldn't have gotten where she is today without the help of Work First funding.

Laura is one of thousands of success stories that happen daily because of Work First funding. That's why it's critical that the Work First program be fully funded in the 2006 state budget to move people from welfare dependency to employment, and ensure that success stories like Laura's continue to happen.

Michigan Works! understands that Governor Granholm and the legislature have faced challenges in creating next year's budget, but more investment in Work First will help save the state money.

However, for people like Laura Brandt, Work First isn't just an economic investment. It's a life-changing experience that was critical in moving her and her young children from unbearable poverty to productivity and self-sufficiency. It's stories like hers that make Work First mean so much more.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Tobacco Grant applications are being accepted

The North Central Community Foundation is accepting Tobacco Grant Applications for tobacco prevention and cessation projects for its 2005 fiscal year. The deadline for submission of applications is March 31. All non-profit agencies and organizations, schools, government agencies and municipalities, and churches (for non-religious purposes) working on tobacco-related projects may apply. You can access grant application forms on our website at www.ncmcf.org or call Julie Wiesen at 877-354-6881 for more information.

Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will gather for their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 10, 7 p.m. at the Crawford County Courthouse. All members and other concerned citizens are encouraged to attend.

TRIAD Group to meet at Senior Center

The Crawford County Commission on Aging in conjunction with the Crawford County Sheriff Office, the City of Grayling Police Department and the local emergency management team will be holding a TRIAD group meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 308 Lawndale Street, Grayling. Kara LaMarre, NEMCSA Developmental Project Coordinator and Karen Slade from Roscommon TRIAD will be guest speakers. For more information or if you need transportation, contact Alice Snyder at 989-348-7123.

Library to close for inventory

The Crawford County Devereaux Library and all branches will be closed for inventory of the main library, Wednesday, March 9 through Saturday, March 12.

Spaghetti dinner fundraiser to be held

A spaghetti dinner fundraiser will be held on Sunday, March 6, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the AuSable Primary School Cafeteria. The cost is \$5 per person, \$20 per family. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, drink and dessert. Proceeds will go to the Grayling Assembly of God Roof Fund.

Sheriff to attend South Branch meeting

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will be attending the South Branch Township meeting on Tuesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. If you have any questions or comments, the Sheriff will be available throughout the meeting and will remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

Modern Woodmen to hold activity night

The Modern Woodmen Camp #6378, of Grayling, has chosen the Grayling Middle School Library for their matching fund project this year. On March 18, they will hold an Activity Night with games, music, food and fun at the Middle School starting at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$3.

World Day of Prayer to be held

World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling on March 4, at 1 p.m. All are welcome.

Animal Shelter needs blankets, buckets

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is in great need of old blankets, towels, sheets, and throw rugs to be used for kennel bedding. Donations of bedding must be clean. There is also a need for clean 2 1/2 to 5-gallon buckets with strong metal handles. Many buckets have had to be discarded after cracking due to the cold. Please be sure none of the buckets held toxic material. Those used previously in the food industry are most desirable. The shelter is located on Huron Street (M72 East), between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall. Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sundays and holidays.

Animal Shelter Board to meet

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County's Board of Directors will meet Wednesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at the Gray Rock Cafe on Industrial Street in Grayling. Members are highly encouraged to attend.

Free tax preparation assistance and E-filing available

There is free help available for preparing and filing tax forms if the person qualifies for the Earned Income Tax Credit. The service also includes e-filing to assist individuals a speedy return on their refunds.

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) can help individuals and families increase their gross income by as much as 33 percent, but many eligible filers do not claim the credit. In response to this, Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) will offer the free tax preparation in the 11 counties in which it serves.

There are two general reasons why people do not file for the Earned Income Tax Credit - either they don't know they qualify or they can't afford to pay for professional tax preparation.

By offering the service for free, NEMCSA hopes to increase the number of EITC claims, as

well as increase the incomes of those persons. The EITC is a refundable credit for low-income working individuals and families. The important thing to note is that the filer doesn't have to "pay it in to get it back."

With recently enacted welfare laws, an estimated 2.5 million more people entered the workforce and became eligible for the tax credit.

NEMCSA staff members are ready to assist filers. The free service is available to all who qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit. Staff will be able to determine the filing status for each and whether or not they can itemize deductions.

For information on the location and times in Crawford County, or to find out if you qualify, call toll free in Crawford County 231-627-4304 ext. 222.

This service will be available now through June 30, 2005.

Upper Manistee River Watershed steering committee to meet

The Huron Pines Resource Conservation & Development Area Council and project partners will be holding a second steering committee meeting for the Upper Manistee River Watershed Protection Project on March 8 at 1 p.m.

The steering committee, comprised of local individuals, agencies and governmental units, will meet again to provide guidance on local water quality issues. The steering committee serves to help evaluate the current watershed plan, make appropriate changes, and refine the watershed goals to be reflective of the Upper Manistee River Watershed.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) awarded a Clean Water Act Section 319 planning and implementation grant for the Upper Manistee River Watershed Protection Project. Project partners include HeadWaters Land

Conservancy, Conservation Resource Alliance, the Upper Manistee River Restoration Committee and the Kalkaska Conservation District.

The purpose of the project is to: promote land protection opportunities within the watershed; address riparian stewardship practices including vegetative buffers, septic maintenance, lawncare practices and water quality protection as well as; update the Upper Manistee River Watershed Management Plan to meet new funding requirements.

On the agenda is a presentation about HeadWaters Land Conservancy, the need for land protection and how conservation easements meet those needs. The meeting will be held at 605 North Birch Street, the County Government office complex, Kalkaska. If you have any questions or need directions, contact Huron Pines RC&D at 989-348-9319.

Spring weight restrictions in effect for commercial truck traffic

Spring weight restrictions for commercial truck traffic went into effect on state highways March 1. Weight restrictions will be imposed and enforced for commercial truck traffic on state trunkline highways from south of, and including, M-46 at Muskegon, Muskegon County, to M-57 east, to the junction of M-57/M-15, in Otisville, Genesee County, and beginning again on M-90, Lapeer County east to Lexington, Sanilac County.

"There are no restrictions for legal loads" on roads designated as "all-season trunklines," which include the majority of state highways. All extended permits will be valid for oversized loads

in the weight-restricted area on the restricted routes. Permits will not be issued for any loads exceeding 14 feet in width on the restricted routes.

For weight restriction information and updates, call 800-787-8960, or access MDOT's Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdot under "Getting Around," "Favorite Links," and then click on "Truckers Service Center."

Trucking companies located in New Jersey and Canada can obtain information by calling 517-373-6256.

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Hated Absolutes

You probably already know that liberals believe in only one absolute. They are absolutely sure there are no absolutes. But how can one logically believe this circular or illogical reasoning. God gives the answer in Psalm 14:1: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good."

Three of the most hated absolutes of liberals are God, Truth, and Freedom. Liberals don't really care if you believe in any variety of gods as long as you do not believe in one God as absolute or sovereign, and that all other gods are worthless idols. Whether they realize it or not, they believe they are little gods and that you are really showing disrespect toward their own claims of deity. This may be one reason why they insist that God's name be removed from all public mention.

The second absolute liberals hate is the Bible or God's Holy Word. The Bible is truth without any admixture of error because it was given by inspiration of God and preserved providentially by His Holy Spirit. God tell us in 2 Timothy 3:16,17: "All

scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Liberals hate the Bible because it exposes their lies and corruption with God's absolute truth. It exposes their works as evil before a Holy God.

The third absolute liberals hate is freedom or liberty. True freedom or liberty comes as a gift of God to everyone who believes God's truth: God first gives us Freedom by knowing the truth. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32). But God's greatest gift of freedom comes from knowing the Son of God as your personal Savior. "36If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (John 8:36).

Colonialists believed freedom was a long process which depended upon "civilized people" gradually training "primitive people" until they reached a civilized state where they could earn some measure of freedom. Liberals in the last century did not believe Germany and Japan could make the rapid transition from tyranny to democracy. Liberals did not believe

people living under the tyranny of Communism could make the rapid transition into freedom. Liberals today do not believe people living in the Middle East under Islamic tyranny are capable of experiencing freedom. But then liberals do not believe you and I can live under liberty or freedom from government control even in America. Liberals believe all people in the world need some degree of liberal tyranny or slavery to exist in any culture or country. Their ultimate goal is utopia under a one-world-government in which the rest of us become slaves to our liberal masters who run the whole world.

The world has been seeking to establish this global utopia since the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11. They will finally succeed under Antichrist and the False Prophet for seven years during the end of this age. Then Jesus Christ will return to rule and reign upon the earth just as He promised. Pastor B"

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Join us in
remembering
Fred Bear,
his contributions to the
sport of bow hunting
and the honor
he brought
to the area.

just west of town.

Grayling grew up on an ancient Indian portage from the Manistee to the Au Sable and the deposits of arrow and spear heads in the area suggest an Indian battleground or factory, or both. The Au Sable is one of the three most famous trout streams in America and in days gone by drew fishermen from around the world after its renowned Grayling—a cold water species of Trout. When the area was logged over about 100 years ago the small village which sprang up along Milepost 92 of the Jackson, Lansing and Saginaw railroad was named for this game fish. (A small settlement earlier had simply been named "Forest".) Grayling was a milltown and each year in August we celebrate our Lumberman's heritage with a MillTown Festival.

When the timber went and the stream was no longer shaded by the towering White Pine and giant Red Norways the water temperature went up. That, coupled with the destruction of the spawning beds by the log drives down the river ended the Au Sable as a home for our world famous Grayling. Yet Brown, Rainbow and Brook Trout live and thrive in its sporting, cool depths. The stream has several branches. The River runs through town where it is joined by the East Branch and further downstream by the South and North Branches and empties into Lake Huron a hundred miles away. Second growth Norway Pine, Oak, Birch, Quaking Aspen (or Popples as we

call them) and Jack Pine cover the high areas with White Cedar, Spruce and Tamarack in the lower regions.

Seeing the black squirrel at your window feeder can start the day off with unexpected pleasure. Or seeing the Great Blue Heron take off in the early morning fog from the lumberjack's Old Stump Pond on your way into work are among the fringe benefits resulting from living in the "North Country" and you might think of them off and on all day.

Not only are we aware of our close relationship to nature up here, but as in all small towns we are extremely aware of how we as individuals tend to be interrelated.

We have a weekly newspaper with local news in it and depend upon papers from "down below" for our national and world news. The closing of business places when a time-honored citizen is buried, the 4th of July Parade, the late fall Buck Pole, the quiet dusk on the trout stream—all are Norman Rockwell and Andrew Wyeth slices of life.

We dislike pretentiousness most of all, and then greed, bad manners and disrespect for nature. We accept people for what they are and are grateful to the power company foreman who comes to replace the line we downed with our new chain saw because he understood our embarrassment at having caused the power blackout in half the town, including the county jail.

Important social events of the year include the DNR Hearing on removing the historical Old Loggers Dam in town or a heated Town Hall meeting on whether there are too many canoeists on the river or too many trout fishermen standing in their way in the stream. A local high school basketball game with boys of such talent as might be found in any town of 2000 population takes on exciting importance because you know that little else is going to happen during that long mid-winter week.

There are a few of us who are doctors or lawyers or policemen, but for the most part we either work for the largest plant in the area ("The Archery" with 500 employees) or for the Department of Natural Resources, the local National Guard

Camp, or we own a motel or restaurant or souvenir store.

One becomes acutely aware of everyday scenes around you in this quiet, country town. You notice the Red Oak leaves as they stay on all winter until the new leaf appears in the spring. You notice the blue snow at dawn as you drive into work. There is no pollution up here other than that caused by the dreaded forest fire that occasionally darkens the evergreen skyline. You notice the dry winter atmosphere and the fact that 30 degrees below zero really isn't too uncomfortable. And you delight in the sudden display of the Aurora Borealis, a back drop for the crystal clear scattering of stars that seem so close in this black, northern sky.

We read every word in the Crawford County Avalanche just as soon as it comes out each week. Want ads, Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, Trout Unlimited Minutes, Camp Shawano Minutes and the little bit of news that we have quite likely already heard.

The Village Buck Pole that the members of the Chamber of Commerce promote each opening weekend of Deer Season attracts us, as well as the tourist hunters gaping at the size of the antlers on display for all to admire. It would be hard to find a freezer up here that didn't have some Venison, Brown Trout, or Partridge hidden away in it for a special northern evening meal.

We commiserate together every summer when the short growing season fails to produce the succulent sweet corn or luscious tomatoes that we yearned for during the late spring snows. Yet, we'll try again next year, willing to gamble a few cents for seeds on the off chance that one of these years we'll have a warmer summer.

We love the lonely lovely winter evenings when we run our four-wheel drive into town to exchange books at our small County Library. Now we know that it is the dead of winter. We are between skiing-snowmobiling season and trout-trail bike season and the land, in its frozen, frightening simplicity, is ours at last to enjoy all alone. Few tourists ice fish or wander through the swamp on

Sunday afternoons after snowshoe rabbits or walk the snow covered old logger's trails deep within the forests. We listen to the creaking popples talk to us competing with the chattering Chickadees and worrying Purple Finches overhead.

Our group of 2000 can swell overnight to 20,000 when the "Guards" are here for summer camp. When they mingle with the tourists and clog the beaches and perspire in the Jack Pine bonnies on their yearly refresher course in the north. During free time they congregate in the Plaza Saloon, The Legion and Spike's Keg-O-Nails. We warn our daughters, "now don't talk to the Guards" and their wives in turn tell them somewhere down in Indiana or Ohio or wherever they come from as they climb aboard the headlighted slow convoys heading north, "now don't talk to the local girls". And not very much of either happens.

This is a land where we need not cultivate flowers although some of us do. And often the most spectacular display of color and variety lie just at the edge of our yards and sometimes creep into them. The Wild Daisies, Violets, Indian Paintbrush, Buttercups, Lady Slippers, Wild Roses, Arbutus, Bracken and Wintergreen have little real competition among the domesticated plants.

There is one however, that flourishes in our sandy soil and short summers, the Petunia. And each year we laboriously plant them along the main street through town, a ribbon of color that delights our residents as well as the thousands of vacationers who pass through here each season.

This is the land of the Deer, the Otter, the Bear and the Great Bald Eagle. Here lives the Wild Mute Swan, the Red Shouldered Hawk, the endangered Kirkland Warbler that chooses the Grayling area from all the world in which to nest each year in its fragile battle to survive. Here is the black, yellow and white Evening Grosbeak to whom we feed tons of sunflower seeds each winter and the fastidious Nuthatch who walks down the tree upside down. Goldfinches, Jays, Downy Woodpeckers, Pine Siskins, Purple Finches, Killdeer, Partridge, Wild Turkey and

Whippoorwills. The list could go on and on. Our neighbors are the Mink, the Beaver, the Muskrat, the Black, Red and Grey Squirrels, the Raccoons, the bumbling Porcupine and the Great Horned Owl that lives by the stream.

We seldom see the Bear that live in the swamp. We stop at the Old Stump Pond to see the Canadian Geese, the myriad of Ducks and other waterfowl on their annual journeys to and fro, but we seldom see the big Northern Pike that glide deep in the holes in Lake Margarethe.

This is the land of Wild Strawberries, Blackberries and Blueberries. A land where fishermen wander up and down the treacherous stream, sometimes in the dark, tottering on the edge of hidden holes, as Evening Bats whiz overhead, just because they've seen clouds of fragile lace-like Caddis, Stoneflies or Mayflies in the fading shafts of sunset.

Here we live off the land. Whether it be the bows and arrows we craft for you to use on the world's game trails or tournament lines, or whether it be the Annual Trout Festival, Tip-Up-Town, Dog Sled Races or Lumberman's Festival. All are related to the land.

The Fall Color Tours, The Fred Bear Museum visitors, the Berry Pickers, the Hunters, the Snowmobilers, the Skiers, the Flyfishermen, the Bait Fishermen, the Hikers, Trail Riders and Canoeists. All are here because of the land. All come to relax, breath deep of our clean fresh air and sleep well in our cool summer nights.

That is what it is like to live and work at Rural Route One, Grayling, Michigan.

The Employees of Bear Archery

A special thank you to Dick Lattimer for providing the above information. Lattimer has recently published a book, "I Remember Papa Bear: The Untold Story of the Legendary Fred Bear Including His Secrets of Hunting," which is available through Pete Kocefas at Sledheads in Frederic.

Fred Bear was a great ambassador for the Grayling area. He not only promoted his product and sport, but he up the north Grayling area. You might say that he was responsible for putting Grayling back on the map. Every year Bear Archery would distribute thousands of archery catalogs throughout the world.

The following was the introduction to the 1976 Bear Archery catalog that Dick Lattimer, Advertising/Public Relations Director for Bear Archery, wrote at the time. Both Fred and Mrs. Bear always went over his copy, he for content, she for punctuation, etc. So their fingerprints are also all over this. The entire catalog theme was built around Bear Archery and the people that worked there at the time.

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Andy Hunter Quartet, Paradigm Brass, bring local talent back home

by Josh Greenberg
Staff Writer

Two bands, each with members from Grayling, returned to their hometown to play at the Holiday Inn as part of the GPA Community Cultural Events Program. The concert, featuring a variety of music, was called the "Best of Both Worlds."

The Andy Hunter Quartet, featuring Andy Hunter of Grayling, opened the show. Hunter, a graduate of Oberlin College, has recently returned from performing in China. He is considered one of the best young jazz trombonists in the music scene, and has won several national awards.

Paradigm Brass quintet featured Kenneth Heinlein and Melissa Wakeley-Sapienza, both

of Grayling, and Matt Taton, Joseph Radtke and Elizabeth Perry. Paradigm Brass brought the evening to a close.

The concert was held Thursday, February 24. The GPA has two dinner and music shows coming in the spring. Shepard's Folly plays March 17 in honor of St. Patrick's Day. The Macombers play April 21.

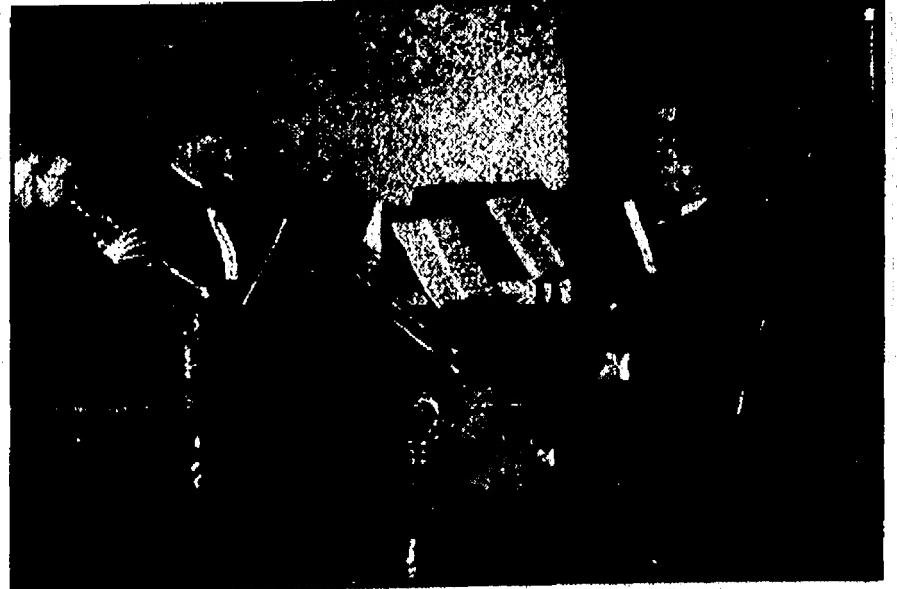


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The quintet Paradigm Brass featured area musicians and played a variety of symphonic music.

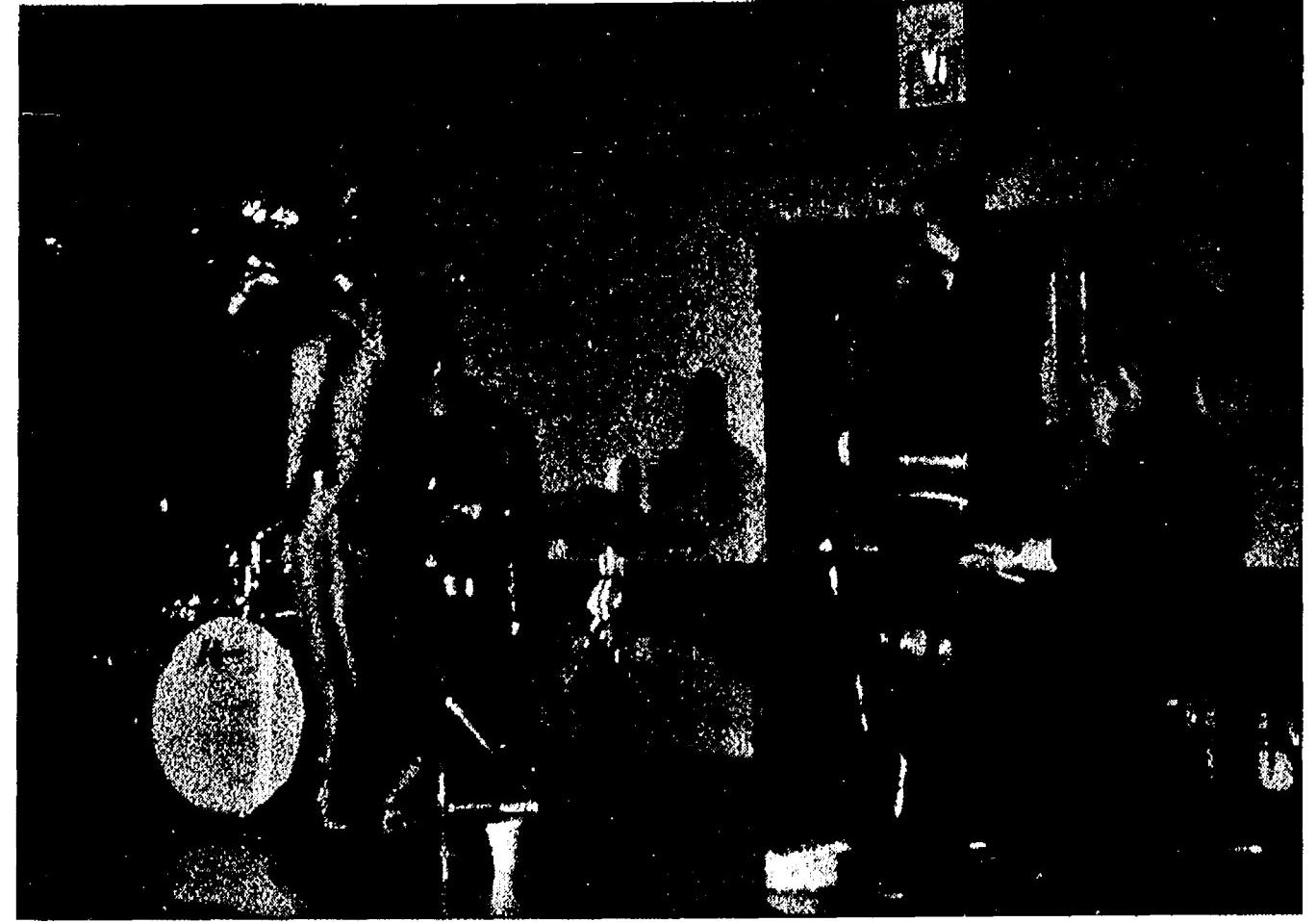


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Grayling native Andy Hunter plays lead on the trombone, as he directs his quartet through a combination of jazz and salsa songs, during their Thursday evening performance at the Holiday Inn. Behind him is drummer Danny Fischer, bassist Peter Dominguez, and keyboardist Jackie Warren.

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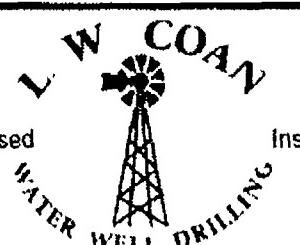
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Former Grayling resident releases new book 'I Remember Papa Bear'

Still, today, nearly 17 years after Fred Bear's death in 1988, his name and legacy are indelibly etched into the fabric of hunting and the hunting tradition. Born into a hunting family rife with ingenuity, "Papa Bear," as he was affectionately known to millions of outdoorsmen and women, combined his rare talents and passion to craft the hunting equipment and intrigue which would propel an entire industry. His is an epic journey of overwhelming success in business as the founder of Bear Archery and in the field as a world record-setting bowhunter.

Fred Bear's story is filled with fame, glory and celebrity; but his life at times was also laced with considerable heartache, struggle and disappointment. Now, for the first time, we are personally and intimately introduced to "Papa Bear" by accomplished author Dick Lattimer - Fred's right-hand man, friend and confidant for more than two decades.

"Fred Bear was the best-known hunter and outdoorsman of the second half of the 20th century, and I was devastated when he died, and remain so to this day. He was my best friend, mentor and father figure for several decades," said Lattimer.

This is the behind-the-scenes life story, an insider's view, of the man who became hunting's greatest ambassador of all time.

The author Dick Lattimer, formerly of Grayling, is a native of South Bend, Indiana and a 1957 graduate of Indiana University. He and his wife, Alice, have been married for 46 years and have three grown children and four grandchildren. Mrs. Lattimer

taught in the Grayling Elementary Schools during the 1970's when they lived here.

Lattimer retired in 2000 as the President/CEO of the Archery Manufacturers & Merchants Organization (AMO), a 600 company industry trade association. He was a 35 year veteran of the Archery Industry. Prior to his AMO affiliation, he spent years handling the advertising/public relations for Fred Bear and Bear Archery. He was also the founder and Executive Director of The Fred Bear Sports Club, a worldwide organization of hunters and fishermen. As an outgrowth of that he also served as the Television Producer for the International Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, and as Co-chairman of the International's Communications Committee. This is the organization of the 50 state fish and wildlife agencies and all applicable federal agencies.

He also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C., is the Vice President of the Archery Hall of Fame, and is the Chairman of the National Archery Museum project. He also served on the Public Lands Shooting Range Roundtable, the Board of Directors of the Ballot Issues Coalition, and numerous other national conservation committees.

During the late 1970's and early 80's he served as the volunteer Executive Director of the American Archery Council.

In 1999, Lattimer was inducted into the Archery Hall of Fame, and in May of that year he was honored with a Tribute in the Congressional Record signed by Congressmen Jim Barcia (D-MI) and Duncan Hunter (R-CA) the Co-Chairman of the Congressional Bowhunting Task Force that Lattimer helped organize. In January 2000, he was inducted into the Safari Club International (SCI) Hall of Honor in Tucson, Arizona in recognition of his life-long contributions to archery and bowhunting. In March of 2001 he was the recipient at the North

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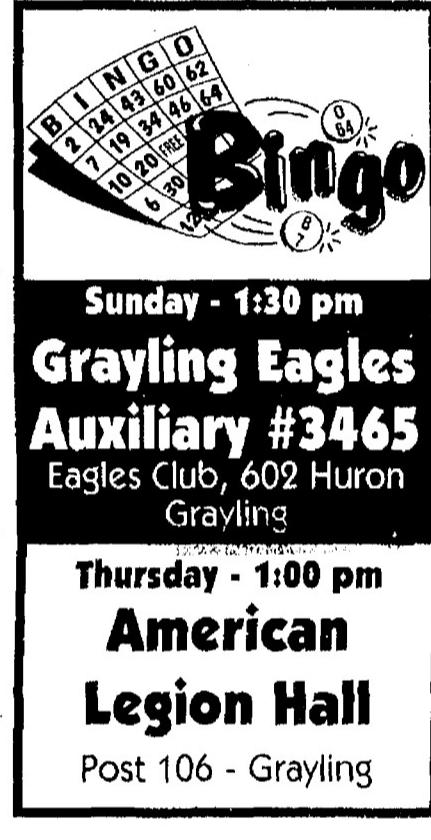
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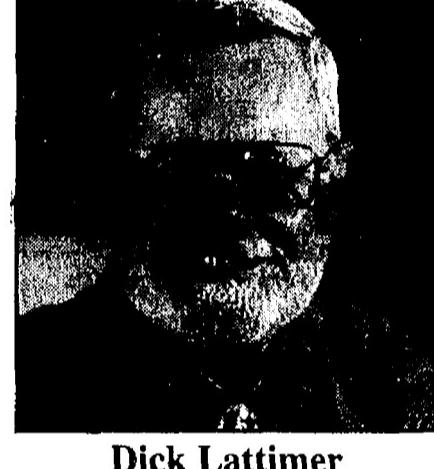
Lattimer is also the author of several books about the U.S. Space Program, including "All We Did Was Fly To The Moon," by the Astronauts as told to Dick Lattimer, Foreword by James A. Michener, and "Space Station Friendship," Foreword by Eugene A. Cernan, the last man to walk on the moon. He is currently working on a series of books about lunar landings. "The Genesis Rocks?" He has made several autographing appearances at SPACEPORT USA at the invitation of the John F. Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Lattimer also has another new book due out this month titled "the Jesus Digest."

The book "I Remember Papa

Bear" will be available locally through Sledheads in Frederic, Riverland Gear and Skip's Sport



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The Grayling Promotional Association's Community Cultural Events Program is proud to present Shepard's Folly for a St. Patrick's Day celebration. The Command Performance Dinner Show will be held on Thursday evening, March 17.

Shepard's Folly is the musical quartet of Phil Shepard (flute), Patti Anne Lea (vocals, guitar, bodhran), Marty Somberg (fiddle) and Ray Kamalay (guitar, vocals). Their myriad of talents enliven a wide variety of Celtic music, from tragic songs and airs to fiery jigs and reels, from ancient Ireland and Scotland to contemporary America. This music, played in pubs throughout Ireland and the British Isles to this day, is a music tempered by centuries of struggle and suffering. It brings people together from all walks of life to share in its joy, hope, healing and compassion.

Ray Kamalay is an internationally known jazz guitarist and bandleader. Here his sweet voice and guitar gusto reveal a love of the Celtic traditions. He has graced many a show, in Edinburgh and Galway as well as Boston and Detroit.

Phil Shepard has trained on the classical concert flute and is equally adept at whistle and tra-



GPA Cultural Events dinner show, with Celtic music from Shepard's Folly, will have the audience celebrating green for St. Patrick's Day.

tional flute. The driving tones of his flute ground the music until the white hot whistle reaches lift-off. Patti Anne Lea is the songstress and songwriter. Her exquisite vocals epitomize the tradition and renew it with originals that add lustre to each show. Her drum adds the finishing touch to the jigs and the reels.

Marty Somberg, the guitar player who migrated west like thousands of other young musicians, underwent a mystical Celtic transformation on the West Coast. Trading in his Les Paul for a fiddle, he took the next

plane for Ireland where he spent many happy nights learning tunes in the traditional style from players young and old. He was especially influenced by the prominent Sligo fiddler of his day, Joe O'Dowd. His style still has a touch of that Sligo lilt.

Doors open at the Holiday Inn of Grayling at 6 p.m. and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. The entree will be an Irish buffet featuring: Shepherd's Pie, Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner, Irish Stew, Irish new potatoes, vegetable, Irish soda bread, coleslaw, assorted desserts and non-alcoholic beverages.

cash bar available. Ticket cost is \$27.50 per person, includes tax and tip, and can be purchased in advance at Flowers by Josie, the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce or by calling 989-348-7146.

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OBITUARIES

Doris Elizabeth Burrick
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Doris Elizabeth Burrick, 81, of Grayling, passed away on March 1, 2005.

Doris was born in Detroit on January 14, 1924. She married William Burick in Grandville County, North Carolina.

She has lived in Grayling since 1977 and was a member of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Doris enjoyed bowling and playing cards.

She is survived by her children: Patricia (Lewis) Minard of White Lake, Laura (Dan) Goorder of Frederic, Beverly (Les) Derbyshire of Commerce Township, William (Dawn) Burick of Grayling and Beverly Burick of Manton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, and son Michael Burick.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Family requests that donations be made to Amicare Hospice.

Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, Grayling.

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Seaman Daniel J. Kostopolus, son of Sharon Kostopolus of Ironwood, Mich. and Robert Kostopolus of Roscommon, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Kostopolus completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Kostopolus is a 2004 graduate of Luther L. Wright High School of Ironwood.

Marine Corps Pfc. Richard L. Haight, son of Tammy M. and Stephen J. Haight of Grayling recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Haight received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. He ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Angie and Davy Ray, announce the birth of their son, Thomas Allen, born on February 18, 2005, at Sault St. Marie Hospital, at 7 a.m., weighing 6 lbs. 9 ozs. and measuring 19 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Myers, and Mr. and Mrs. David Ray; great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bunker, Sr. of Grayling and one brother Doug.

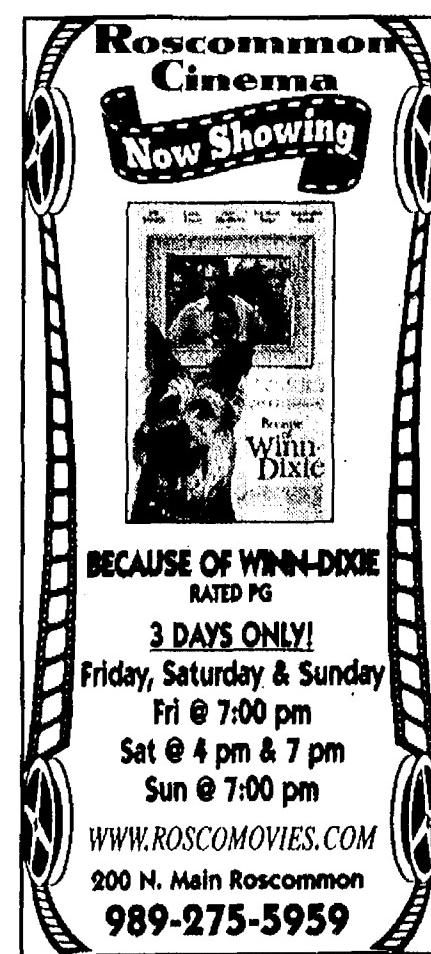
GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of February 20 - February 27:

One city ordinance violation, one misdemeanor violation, one motorist assist, three traffic warnings, three private property accidents, two stalk/threaten complaints, two assist other departments, one misdemeanor arrest, two civil complaints, one larceny complaint, two animal control complaints, three disturbing the peace complaints, two suspicious situations and seven unclassified complaints.

BIRTHS

Michelle and Ryan Schenk of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Connor Alfred, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on February 17, 2005, at 2:40 p.m., weighing 8 lbs. 4 ozs., and measuring 20 1/2 inches long.



Wildfang, Franklin J.

Our beloved son & father was killed suddenly in an auto accident February 24, 2005 in Key Largo, Florida. He will be missed & remain in our hearts forever!

Survived by mother & father, Harry and Darlene Wildfang, two sons, Zachary 11 and Tyler 9, one sister, Loretta, two brothers, David and Tim, two nephews, Hezekiah and Riley, Grandparents, Lily Chaffin and Harry Wildfang Sr. and too many aunts, uncles and cousins to mention.

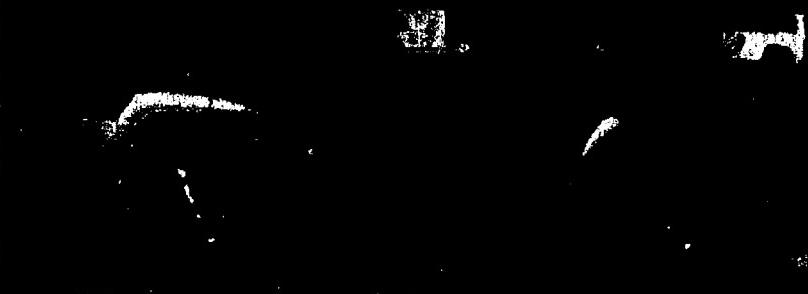
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Grayling finishes 2005 regular season at 18-2

Basketball team ends year with 13-1 league record

■ Vikings defeat Roscommon and Kalkaska in games last week

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

With two wins at home last week, Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team finished its 2005 regular season with a 16-2 overall record, won a Lake Michigan Conference championship with a 13-1 mark in the league, and posted a perfect 10-0 record in 10 home games this year. The Vikings have won 12 consecutive games dating back to January 14.

On Tuesday, the Vikings won a close non-conference game against the Bucks of Roscommon 71-66 at GHS.

Grayling led 14-10 after one quarter and had a 10-point advantage, 36-26, at halftime. The Vikings took a 50-46 lead into the fourth period.

At the 5:02 mark, the Bucks tied the game at 52-52 with a free throw shot. A three-point play by Gibson Tobin put the Vikings up 55-52 with 4:27 remaining in regulation.

Roscommon pulled within two with a pair of free throws. Two free throws by Reagan Schmidt put GHS back up by three. The Bucks scored an inside shot to cut Grayling's lead to one. Grayling answered with an inside shot by Jim Boylan. Two free throws by

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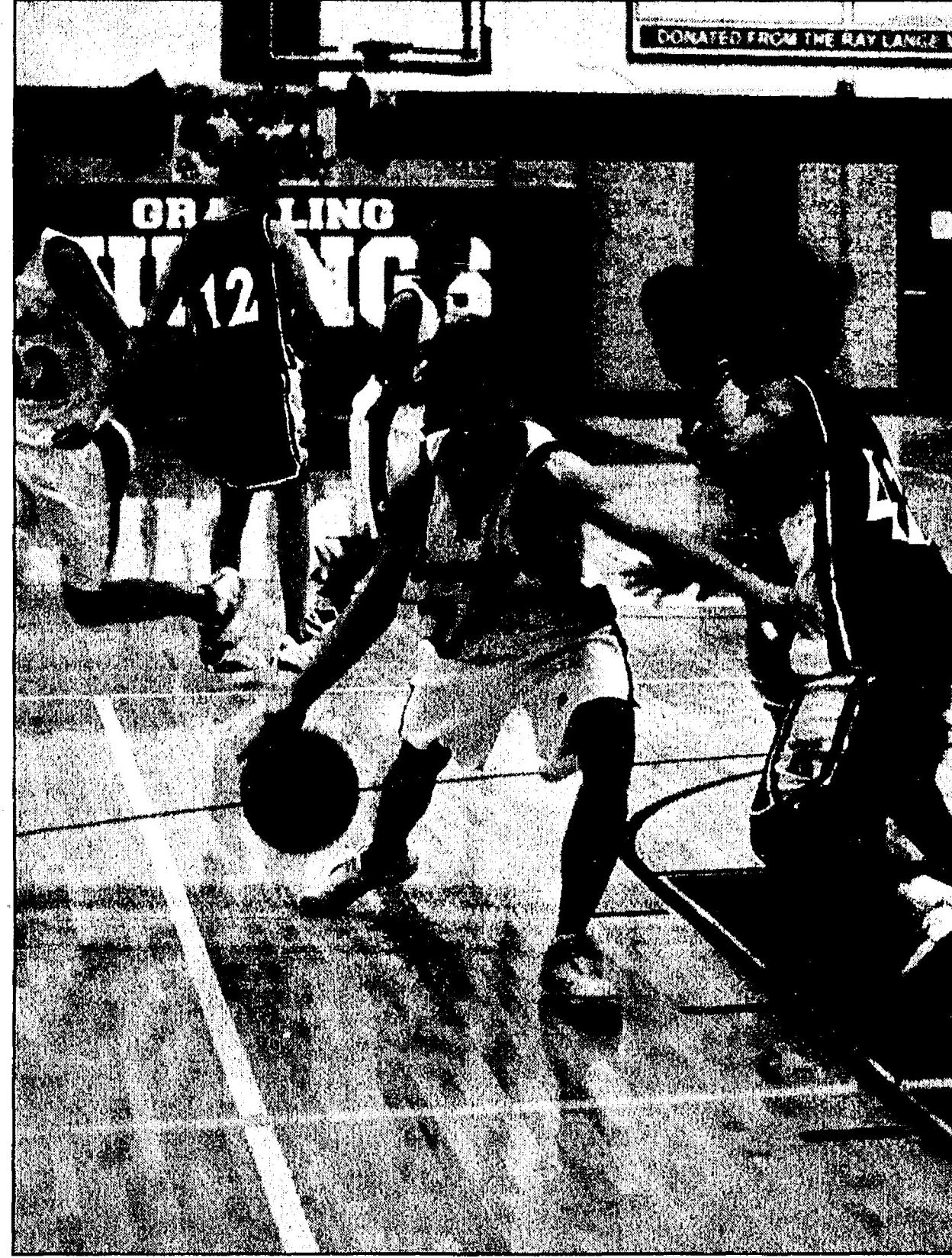


Photo by Caleb Casey

Eli VanNuck handles the ball for the Vikings in Friday night's contest vs. the Kalkaska Blazers.

Two Viking wrestlers qualify for state finals

■ Kevin LaTreille and Jeff Bancroft finish 1st, 3rd at regionals

their weight class advanced to the state finals. For Grayling, Jeff Bancroft placed 3rd in the 145-pound division and Kevin LaTreille won the 160-pound weight class.

Of the four Grayling High School wrestlers who qualified for Individual Regionals, two placed high enough at the event to earn a spot at the upcoming Individual State Finals.

The Individual Regional tournament was held at Alma High School on Saturday. Wrestlers who placed in the top four in

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See "TWO VIKING..."



Photos courtesy of Bill Rosecrans

Kevin LaTreille wrestles against Standish Sterling at regionals.



Jeff Bancroft grapples with a Benzie opponent at regionals.

Ski teams place 2nd, 4th in Lake Michigan Conference

■ GHS defeats Roscommon and Clare in meet at Hanson Hills

The GHS ski teams ended their league seasons last Wednesday with the Lake Michigan Conference Championship Meet at Nubs Nob. Grayling's boys team finished 2nd in the conference and the girls squad took 4th.

On Wednesday, Grayling's girls team placed 3rd overall at the league championship meet. The Vikings were led by Mallory Olson and Cassie Pizzi, both of whom finished with 29 team points.

Olson was 11th in slalom and 18th in giant slalom (GS). Pizzi placed 14th in slalom and 15th in GS. Erica Moggo finished 16th in slalom and 17th in GS. Kassie McClain placed 20th in slalom and 19th in GS. Gabby Calkins finished 21st in slalom and 20th in GS. Katie Baynham placed 17th in slalom and 26th in GS.

The boys team had a tough night in slalom and finished 5th but placed 2nd in GS to finish 4th overall at the league championship meet. The top skier of the meet for the Vikings was Jim

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See "SKI TEAMS..."



Cassie Pizzi competes in the slalom event for Grayling at last Thursday's Wieland Retirement meet at Hanson Hills.



Jim Jansen finishes the giant slalom course at Hanson Hills during last week's three-team meet.

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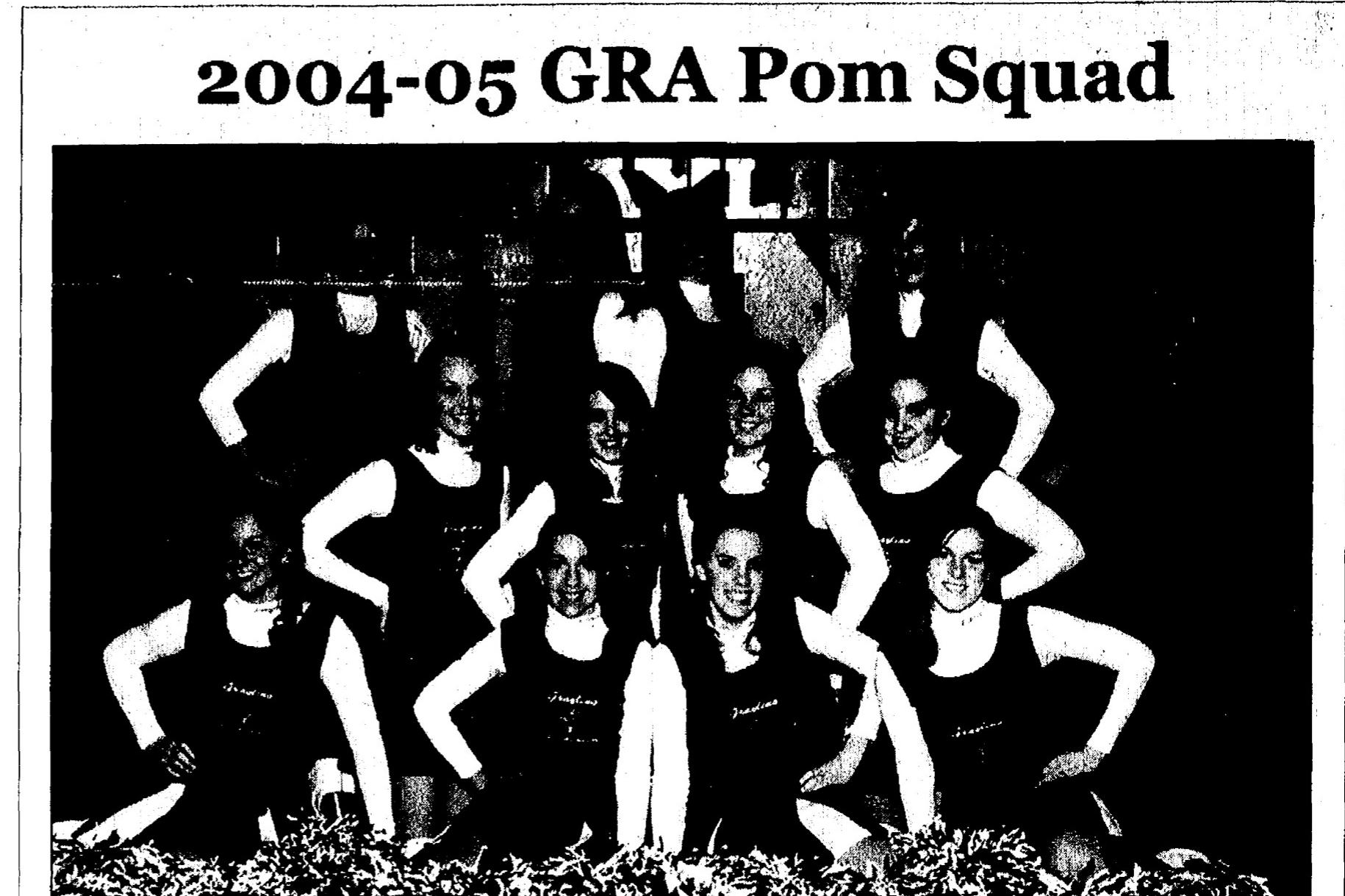
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The 2004-05 GRA Pom Squad, which performed at halftime of several GHS varsity boys basketball games this season, consisted of: (front, L to R) Jenny VanNuck, Kim Long, Summer Coe, Ashley Isaacsen; (middle, L to R) Jenny Ringle, Stacey Brown (captain), Jesse Ferrell, Jenny Long (captain); (back, L to R) Erica Fenn, Fawn Filley, Nikki Lynch, Valerie Hoffman, Coach Judy Long.

Grayling finishes 2005 regular season at 18-2

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Bobby Starks put the Vikings up by five, 61-56, with 3:27 left in the game.

The Bucks scored the next four points on two free throws and a drive to the basket to pull within one, 61-60.

A three-pointer by Tobin at the 2:19 mark put Grayling ahead by four. The Bucks scored an inside shot to cut Grayling's lead to two. The Vikings were called for an offensive foul but got the ball back with a steal by Starks. Roscommon fouled, and Starks hit one of two at the free throw line to give Grayling a 65-62 lead with 1:34 left in the game.

The Vikings stole the ball, shot, missed, and the Bucks grabbed the rebound. Roscommon scored a two-point bucket to pull within one (65-64). Grayling answered with a drive by Eli VanNuck to go back up by three. Roscommon responded with a shot inside, leaving the Grayling lead at 67-66 with 48 seconds remaining.

A free throw by Tobin at the 34-second mark gave GHS a

two-point edge.

Grayling knocked the ball loose at Roscommon's end of the court and the ball ended up landing out of bounds, last touched by RHS. On the in-bounds play, the Bucks were whistled for a technical foul for reaching across the baseline and knocking the ball away from the in-bounds passer. Josh Hinkle hit both free throws for Grayling on the technical foul, giving Grayling a 70-66 lead (with 18 seconds left in regulation) and possession of the ball. Roscommon fouled and Hinkle finished with 10. Matt Swope, J. Boylan, Schmidt, and Josh Millikin also scored points for GHS.

Tobin was the leading scorer for Grayling with a game-high 22 points. VanNuck added 17 points, Starks scored 10, and Hinkle finished with 10. Matt Swope, J. Boylan, Schmidt, and Josh Millikin also scored points for GHS.

The leading rebounders for Grayling were Starks (7) and J.

Boylan (6). Hinkle had 4 assists and Tobin finished with 4 steals.

On Friday, the Vikings defeated the visiting Kalkaska Blazers 71-56 in their regular season finale. The contest was also the final Lake Michigan Conference game, with Grayling ending its league championship season at 13-1 in conference play.

Against Kalkaska, Grayling had an 18-14 lead after one quarter and led 37-30 at halftime. The Vikings took a 48-40 advantage into the fourth quarter.

Grayling scored the first points of the fourth period on a jump shot by Tobin. Three free throws pulled Kalkaska within seven, 50-43.

Two free throws by Tobin and a shot inside by Millikin put GHS up by 11. Two free throws by Tobin and a three-pointer by Starks gave Grayling a 59-45 lead with 4:53 remaining.

A jump shot and a free throw by Kalkaska cut Grayling's lead back to 11. A drive by VanNuck

put Grayling up by 13. A free throw and a jumper by VanNuck extended Grayling's advantage to 7 p.m. at RHS.

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the second half."

"On the positive side, I thought our kids showed great character down the stretch," Coach Moffit said.

Tobin was the leading scorer for the Vikings with 29 points. J. Boylan had 10, Starks added 9, and VanNuck scored 8. Mike Boylan, Swope, Millikin, and Baker also scored points for GHS.

The leading rebounders for Grayling were VanNuck (6), M.

Boylan (6), Zach Dean (5),

Starks (5), J. Boylan (5), Ryan

Feldhauser (4), and Tobin (4).

"I thought defensively we played with lot of intensity and applied pretty good ball pressure. Our kids played with a lot of enthusiasm and energy. Offensively, I thought we attacked the basket pretty well. I thought our kids did a great job of creating scoring opportunities for themselves," Coach Moffit said.

On Monday, February 28, the Vikings defeated Roscommon 73-62 in a round one district contest at RHS. The Vikings will play the Kalkaska Blazers in the district semi-finals at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, at Roscommon High School. The district championship game is scheduled for Friday, March 4, at 7 p.m. at RHS.

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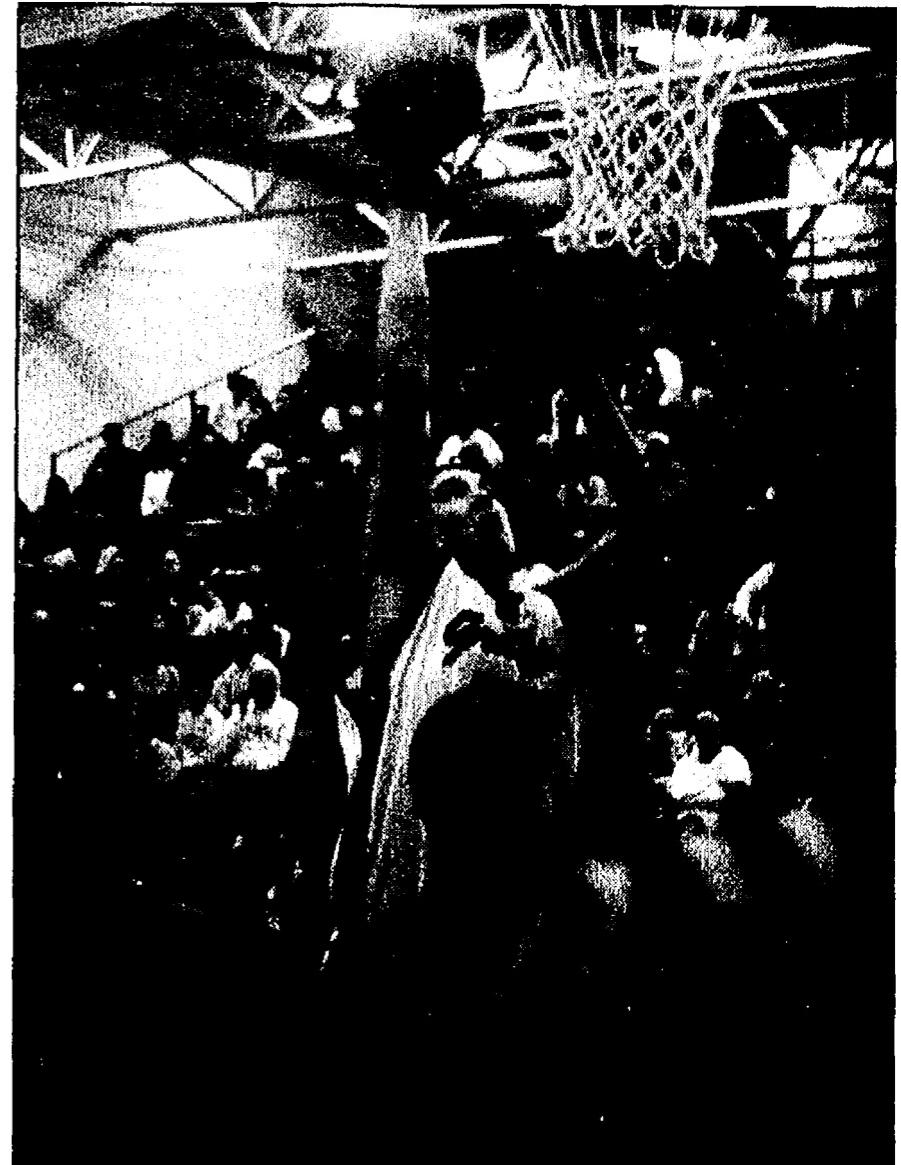


Photo by Caleb Casey
Jim Boylan takes an inside shot against Roscommon on Tuesday.

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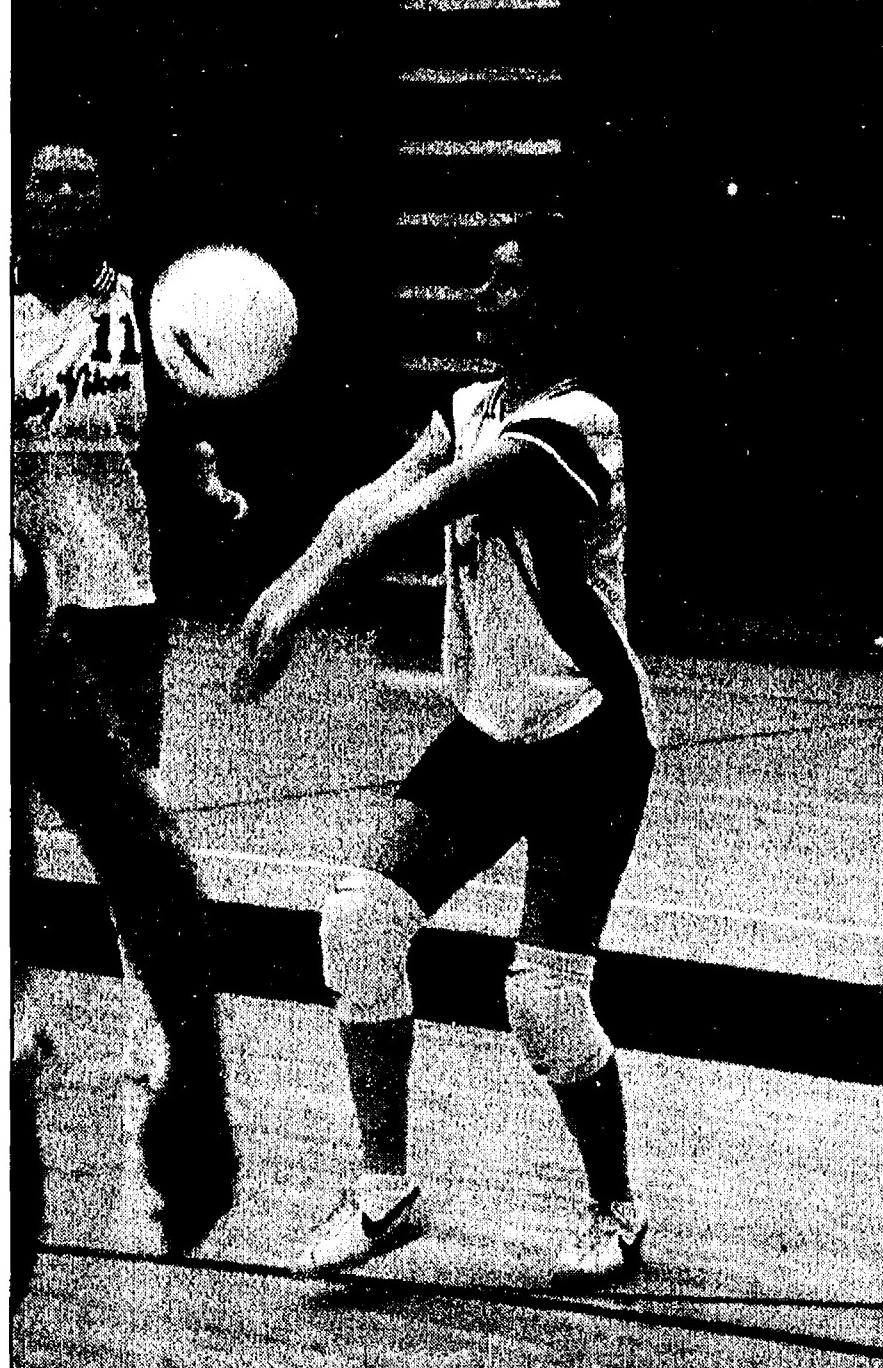
Heather Metzer sets for GHS in last week's varsity volleyball meet vs. Elk Rapids. The Elks won the series 3-0.



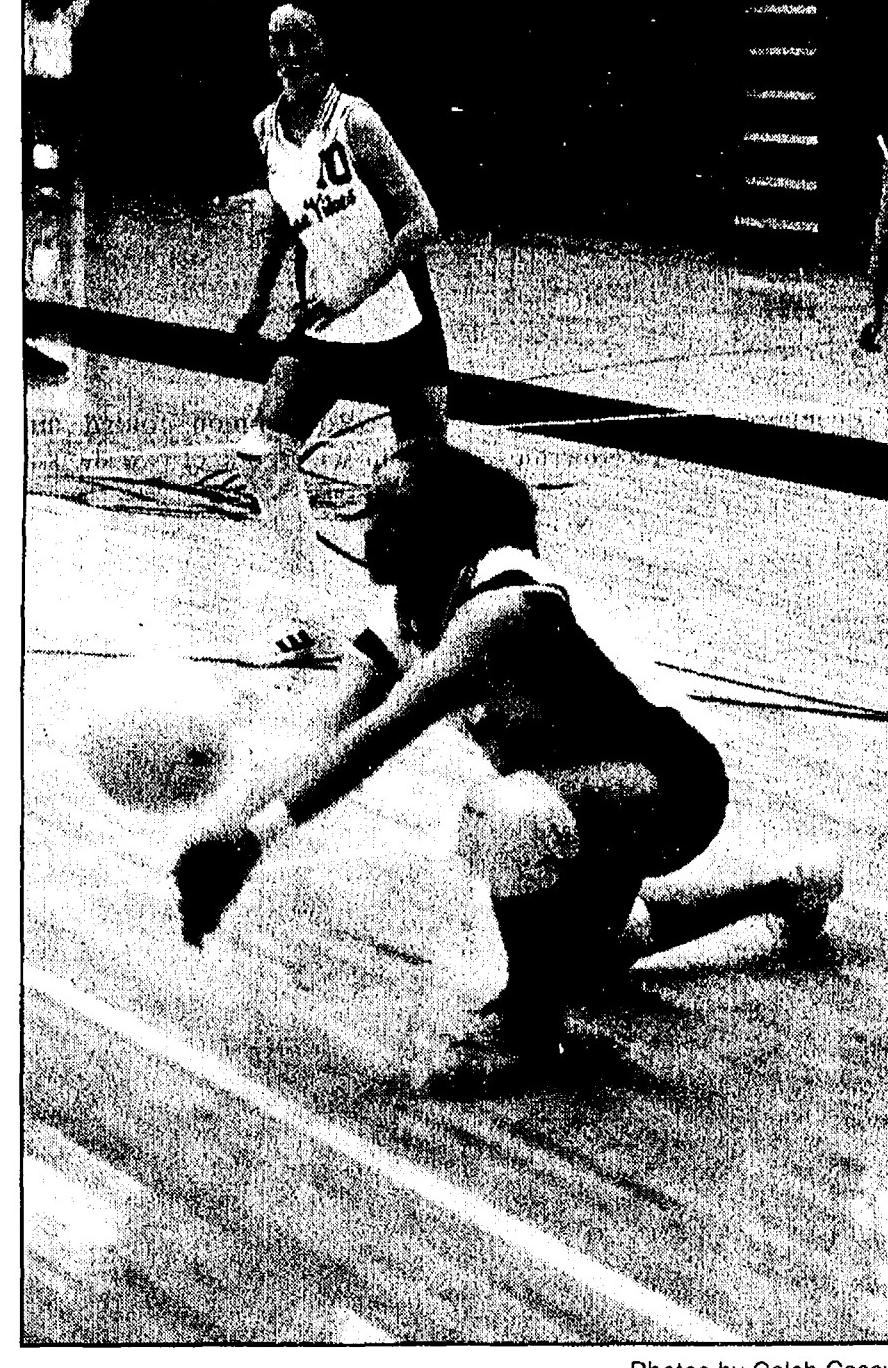
Alyssa Farrell goes up for a shot at the net in Thursday night's varsity series vs. the Elks of Elk Rapids.



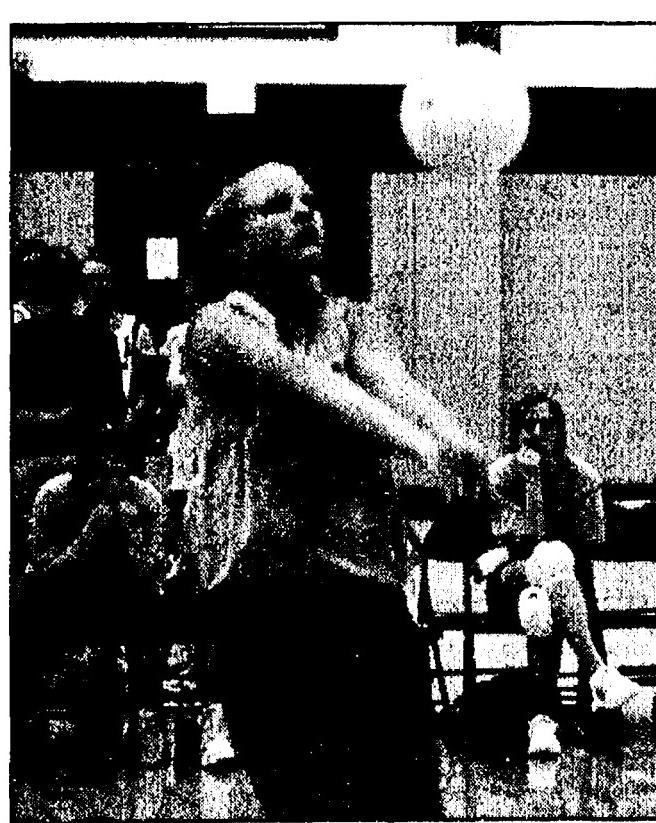
Jessie Morley sets a ball for the Vikings on Thursday in the Grayling vs. Elk Rapids varsity volleyball meet at GHS.



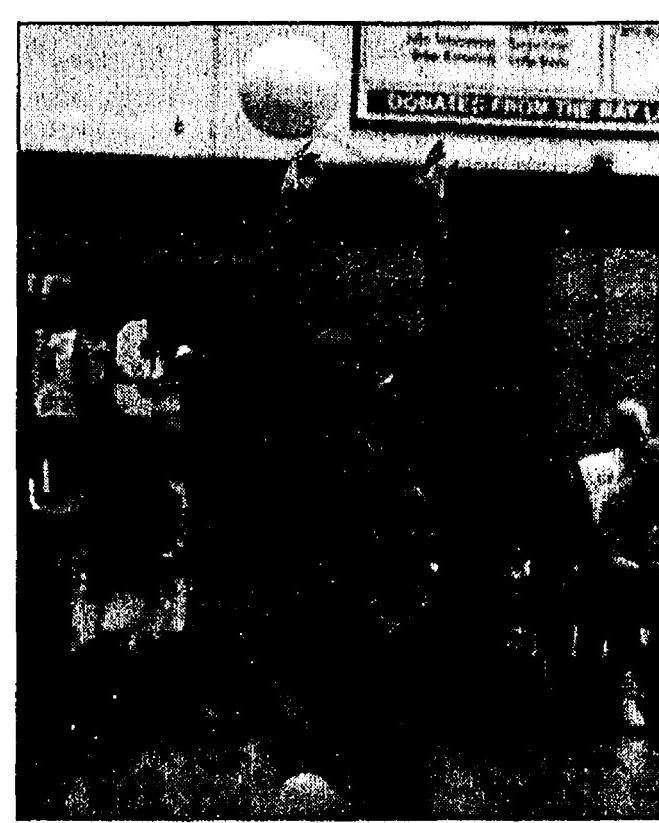
Megan Burrick hits a ball from the back row in last Thursday's JV meet against Elk Rapids. The Elks won the series 2-1.



Annie Melroy hits the ball for Grayling during last week's junior varsity volleyball series at Grayling High School.



Monica Peters (left) and Jessie Baker (right) hit the ball for the Vikings in Thursday's freshman volleyball meet vs. Elk Rapids. The Elks won the series 2-0.



(Frederic Inn) and LaChelle (Holiday Inn).

Men's Standings

2nd half final standings:	
Legion	.93
Two Track Inn #1	.92
Frederic Inn	.83
Sawmill #1	.71

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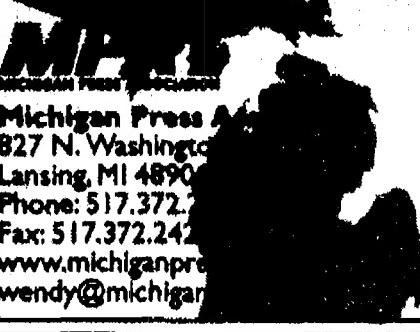
Women's Standings

Holiday Inn	.149
Frederic Inn	.148
Growlers Pub	.140
Legion	.124
Sawmill	.123
5 Ball Run: Vicki (Sawmill), Annette (Frederic Inn) and Cindy (Holiday Inn)	.6 Ball Run: Sis

Men's Standings

(Frederic Inn) and LaChelle (Holiday Inn).	Growlers Pub	.68
	Riverside	.59
	Sawmill #2	.56
	Two Track Inn #2	.34
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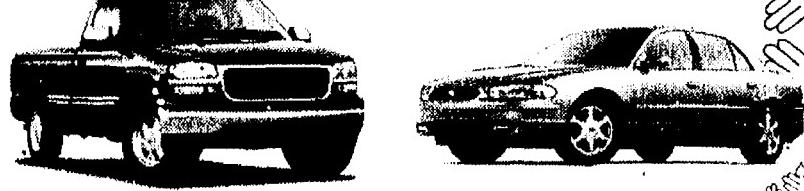
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Adam Gilbert skis the giant slalom course at Hanson Hills on Thursday during the Wieland Retirement Meet.

Ski teams place 2nd, 4th in Lake Michigan Conference

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Jansen, who placed 13th in slalom and 14th in GS. Pat McInally finished 21st in slalom and 11th in GS. Jon Handy placed 17th in both events. Trevor Clough was 35th in slalom and 4th in GS. Adam Gilbert took 22nd in slalom and disqualified in GS. Jimmy Hjelbrecht was 22nd in GS and Andrew Hart was 29th in slalom.

In the boys competition, Harbor Springs won the Lake Michigan Conference, followed by Grayling, Traverse City St. Francis, Elk Rapids, Boyne City, and Charlevoix/East Jordan. In the overall league standings for the girls, Traverse City St. Francis placed 1st followed by Charlevoix/East Jordan, Boyne City, Grayling, Harbor Springs, and Elk Rapids.

Four Vikings earned all-league honors in the Lake Michigan Conference this year. (All-conference spots were determined by a season-long point system.) Olson earned a spot on the all-league second team in slalom. McInally, Clough, and Jansen earned second team spots in slalom and Clough and McInally earned second team honors in GS.

On Thursday, the Vikings defeated Clare and Roscommon in Wieland's Retirement Meet at Hanson Hills. The boys team scores were: Grayling 34, Clare 49, and Roscommon 85. Girls team scores were: Grayling 40, Clare 68, Roscommon 72.

For the GHS girls team, Olson took 2nd in slalom and Baynham placed 3rd in GS. Olson also placed 4th in GS to lead the Vikings with 6 team points. Cassie Pizzi placed 2nd overall with 10.5 team points, placing 5th in GS and tying Moggo for 5th in slalom. Baynham placed 8th in slalom despite a fall. Moggo placed 8th in GS and tied for 5th in slalom. Calkins fin-



Mallory Olson competes in the slalom event at Hanson Hills on Thursday.



Katie Baynham finishes a slalom run at Hanson Hills last week.

ished 7th in slalom and 9th in GS. McClain placed 9th in slalom and 10th in GS.

In the boys competition, Clough placed 1st in slalom and 2nd in GS. Jansen placed 4th in both events. Gilbert placed 3rd in slalom and 7th in GS. Handy and McInally both had 21 team

points. Handy lost a ski in slalom and was disqualified (18th) and finished 3rd in GS. McInally placed 8th in GS and 13th in slalom (after missing a gate and climbing). Hart scored 22 points by finishing 10th in slalom and 12th in GS.

Two Viking wrestlers qualify for state finals

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LaTrelle (160), a senior, won his first match by decision and posted a win in his second contest to reach the championship round. In the title bout, LaTrelle faced an opponent from Pinconning he'd lost to twice this season (both by one-point decisions). LaTrelle won the match in double overtime to win the 160-pound division.

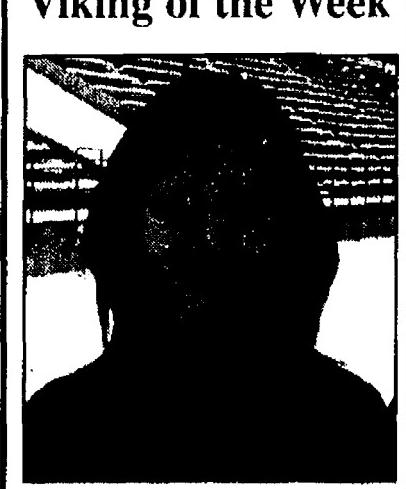
"It was one of the most exciting matches of the day," said Joe Ferrigan, assistant wrestling coach at GHS. "A really big win."

LaTrelle has a 50-3 record going into the state finals.

The Individual State Finals for wrestling will be held at the Palace of Auburn Hills on March 10-12.

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Viking of the Week

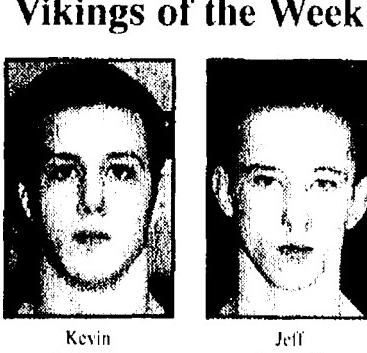


Skiing
Coach: Mike Wieland
CASSIE PIZZI

Freshman Cassie Pizzi turned in the top finish in giant slalom for the Vikings at last week's league championship meet. GHS has used her times in 7 of the last 8 races.

Wendy's

Vikings of the Week



Wrestling
Coach: Don Ferguson

KEVIN LATRELLE & JEFF BANCROFT

Kevin, a senior, won the 160-pound weight class at Individual Regionals to qualify for the state finals. Jeff, a sophomore, qualified for the state finals with a 3rd place finish at Individual Regionals in the 145-pound weight class.

JV squad falls to Bucks, Blazers

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team ended its 2005 season with losses to Roscommon and Kalkaska at Grayling High School last week.

On Tuesday, the Bucks of Roscommon defeated the Vikings 68-43.

Roscommon led 20-17 after a high-scoring first quarter. The Bucks extended their lead to 37-20 by halftime and took a 55-27 advantage into the fourth period.

"We missed a lot of shots during the second and third quarters," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

Leading scorers for Grayling were: Nick Parkinson (10), Rocky McNamara (8), Doug Slater (6), and Josh Stapleton (5).

On Friday, the Vikings lost to Kalkaska 66-34. Kalkaska led 19-6 after one quarter and had a 33-16 lead at the half.

Leading scorers for GHS were: Jeremiah Bootz (12), Parkinson (9), Slater (6), McNamara (4), and Jason Drudge (3).

The Vikings ended their season with a 4-16 overall record.



Jeremiah Bootz takes an inside shot for GHS vs. Kalkaska on Friday.



Rocky McNamara handles the ball for the Vikings on Friday.

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BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League

Woody Girls 26 - 14
American Legion 25 - 15
Glen's Market 21 - 19
Coldwell Banker 21 - 19
Gr. Nursing Center 20 - 20
Hawk Ridge Golf 19.5 - 20.5
Mickey Perez CPA 14.5 - 25.5
Peterson Saw Service 13 - 27
High Series: T. Rock, 600; P. Terry, 575; N. Glasslee, 519.
High Game: T. Rock, 233; V. Balines, 216; C. Jensen, 204.

Pioneer League

McDonald's 26 - 10
Grayling Restaurant 21.5 - 14.5
AJD 21 - 15
Custom Interior 21 - 15
Chemical Bank 20 - 16
Grayling Chiro 16.5 - 19.5
South Side River Rats 11 - 25
Rochette's 7 - 29
High Series: J. Cousins, 508, N. Glasslee, 502; B. LaMotte, 497.
High Game: J. Cousins, 217; B. LaMotte, 203, S. France, 184

Senior Bowling

Flowers By Josie 63 - 29
Stitches By Sue 54 - 38
Grayling Pharmacy 52 - 40
Kicking Grass 49 - 43
Bear's Den Pizza 44.5 - 47.5
Sylvester's Sports 42.5 - 49.5
Spike's Keg O' Nails 34 - 58
Lone Pine Restaurant 30 - 6
High Series Men: G. Wolfe, 528;

L. Crampton, 505; L. Wyatt, 497.

High Game Men: G. Wolfe, 200; G. Psenicka, 194; H. Ingram, 189.

High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 504; M. Rysso, 477; C. Wyatt, 433.

High Game Women: N. Glasslee, 202; C. Wyatt, 186; D. Doremire, 184.

Friday Mixed Doubles

IMM 24.5 - 11.5
Moshier Auto Repair 24 - 12

American Legion 22 - 14
Lucky & Laura 17 - 19

Double Trouble 13 - 23
F.I.J. 7.5 - 28.5

High Series Men: R. Moshier, 579; M. Horton, 565; D. Wallace, 552.

High Game Men: M. Horton, 218; R. Moshier, 216; D. Wallace, 211.

High Series Women: S. France, 551; M. Moshier, 477; P. Benardo, 440.

High Game Women: S. France, 215; K. Moshier, 179; S. Johnson, 172.

Northwood League

Carey & Jaskowski 24 - 8
Hals Masonry 20 - 12

Great Lk Mortgage 19 - 13
Warbler Chicks 18 - 14

Bud Lite Babes 18 - 14
Choppers Spare 15 - 17

USA Trailer 12 - 20

American Men's League

GADCO 39.5 - 16.5

Scheer Motors 36 - 20

Gray-Rock Cafe 35 - 21

Canfield's Snowplowing 26 -

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McLeans ACE 25 - 31

Moore's Automotive 24 - 32

Fenton's Auto Serv. 19.5 - 36.5

A.E.I. 19 - 37

Fritch Electric 26 - 37

Weyerhaeuser 26 - 37

Dennco 25 - 38

High Series Men: K. Slater, 621; J. Meharg, 567; S. Miller, 545.

High Game Men: J. Meharg, 224; K. Slater, 214; B. Harris, 197.

High Series Women: S. France, 496; L. Bendig, 455; M. Miller, 421.

High Game Women: L. Bendig, 202; S. France, 198; V. Meharg, 161.

National First

Faustman's Insurance 50 - 13

Ole Barn 42 - 21

Denholm Chiropractic 34 - 29

E-Z Built Homes 29 - 34

Corky's Karaoke 29 - 34

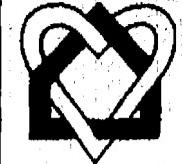
Legion Lanes 28 - 35

Sawmill 20 - 43

Hart Pontiac-GMC 20 - 43

High Series: S. Miller, 635; D. Canfield, 622; T. Devins, 616.

High Game: D. Canfield, 245; P. Bernardo, 235; T. Devins, 233.


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HON. ALTON T. DAVIS
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AND CAROL E. DAVIS,
Plaintiffs,

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Defendants.

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Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Developmental	50.00	1.00000
Personal	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The City of Grayling will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, upon seven (7) days notice to the City of Grayling.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Grayling by writing or calling the following:

Christie Verlac, Assessor
1020 City Blvd.
P.O. Box 549
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-2131

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Men's Team

ROSCOMMON - Kirtland Community College's men's basketball team ended its regular season on a high note, defeating Macomb Community College 70-62 on Tuesday, Feb. 22, in Warren.

Mike Dunlop, of Boyne Falls, led the Firebirds with 22 points in the contest. Center Craig Ash, from Pontiac, dominated under the boards with 12 rebounds and added 11 points. DeMarvelous Carter, of Romulus, scored 12 for the Firebirds.

The win boosted the Firebirds above the 50 percent mark with a Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference record of 8-7 (18-11 overall). This was good for a fourth-place finish in the conference, behind Wayne County CC in third at 8-6 (11-13).

Mott CC placed first with a

perfect 15-0 record (26-2 overall), while Henry Ford CC came in second at 9-5 (17-8).

Women's Team

ROSCOMMON - Saturday's shootout with Alpena Community College was a game of firsts for Kirtland's Lady Firebirds. At the top of that list was the score; for the first time in the program's history, the women's basketball team scored in triple digits, defeating Alpena 103-73.

The victory was also the first road win for the Firebirds since their conference schedule began 15 games ago. The win boosted Kirtland to 8-7 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference (11-17 overall), with only one conference game left on the schedule.

After getting off to a slow start against Alpena, the Lady

Firebirds went on a 17-0 scoring run and never looked back.

"Everyone contributed," said coach Teresa Stuck. "Offensively we moved the ball very well and had a team assist/turnover ratio of 2-to-1," Stuck said.

Every Firebird found her way into the scoring column with five in double figures and two more with 9 points each. Amanda Cooper, one of the Firebirds' consistent top scorers, had a team-high 24 points against Alpena, along with 6 rebounds and 4 assists.

Other Firebirds statistics included: Nyne Larsen, 15 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists and 6 steals; Casey Burrows, 14 points, 6 rebounds and 5 assists; Felon Harris, 13 points, 8 assist, 6 rebounds, 3 steals and 0 turnovers; McKenzie Steward, 10 points; Meghan Bastian and Ashley Andrews, 9 points each.

gage made by Jonathan O. McLeod, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagor, dated January 15, 2003, and recorded on February 3, 2003 in Liber 618 on Page 395, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Mortgage Company an Ohio Company as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Eight And 30/100 Dollars (\$118,238.30), including interest at 6.125% per annum.

An easement situated in Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan and more fully described as follows:

A 33 feet wide easement for ingress and egress and the installation and maintenance of public and private utilities over and across part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, the centerline of said easement being described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said section 33; thence \$89°17'00" E along the North line of said section and the centerline of 612 Road 658.41 feet; thence S00°15'17" E 1107.55 feet to the point of beginning; thence S89°59'27" E 96.81 feet; thence S51°05'13" E 292.28 feet; thence 125.65 feet along the arc of a 100.00 foot radius curve to the left whose long chord bears S37°25'36" W 117.54 feet; thence S01°25'53" W 282.64 feet; thence S89°40'08" W 570.17 feet; thence N00°19'52" W 487.80 feet; thence N89°40'08" E 142.85 feet; thence N64°45'44" E 174.00 feet; thence S89°59'27" E 27.01 feet to the point of beginning.

SUBJECT TO AND

TOGETHER WITH easement's "A", "B" and "C" as described below.

66 FEET WIDE EASEMENT "A"

An easement situated in Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan and more fully described as follows:

A 66 feet wide easement for ingress and egress and the installation and maintenance of public and private utilities over and across part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, the centerline of said easement being described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said section 33; thence \$89°17'00" E along the North line of said section and the centerline of County Road 1316.81 feet to a point on the East 1/8 line of said section; thence S00°06'08" E along said 1/8 line 1282.31 feet; thence S89°53'52" W 331.49 feet to the point of beginning of said easement centerline.

66 FEET WIDE EASEMENT "B"

An easement situated in Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan and more fully described as follows:

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Commonly known as 3405 Pirich

Trail, Grayling, Michigan 49738

PPN: 020-033-002-020-06

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed except in the event the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA §600.3241(a), in which case the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale.

Dated: February 14, 2005

HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK,
MORTGAGEE

BY: RHOADES LAW OFFICE PC

Peter D. Rhoades

PO Box 2271

Holland, MI 49422

616-355-7318

-24-3-10-17-24

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.

ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mort-

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 3, 2005

For more information, please call:

FC S 248,593,1304

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Chase Home Finance,

LLC successor by merger to Chase

Manhattan Mortgage Corporation successor by merger to Chase Mortgage

Company an Ohio Company

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #048861F01

-3-10-17-24

WEIGHT RESTRICTION PUBLIC NOTICE

As of Thursday, February 24, 2005 at 6:00 a.m., the Crawford County Road Commission has established seasonal weight restrictions for travel on all primary roads and local roads. At a minimum, commercial haulers are expected to comply with the Michigan Department of Transportation Standards, which includes load restrictions of 35%.

After meeting with commercial haulers to determine reasonable application and enforcement procedures and routes, the following roads may be traveled while frost laws are in effect, in accordance with state law:

Old 27: County line to County line
612: Old 27 (Frederick) East to I-75
Sherman Road: North Country Line to Landfill
North Down RR: Business Loop to I-75 Ramps

FROST LAW RESTRICTED ROADS ARE SIGNED AND FROST LAW ARE BEING ENFORCED.

In the event of a quick thaw, lesser loads may be required. Please contact Jed Blaauw, Superintendent at (989) 348-2281, Extension 25 with any questions regarding restricted roads.

This notice is being issued in coordination and cooperation with area road commissions.

By: Donald Babcock, Managing Director
For: Kenneth Riehle, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
James Burch, Commissioner

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 8, 2005 at 9 am.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:

Mon., March 14, 2005

1pm-4pm

Thurs., March 17, 2005

1pm-4pm

LEGAL ACTION

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mario Garnett, a Single-Man, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagor, dated

May 1, 2003, and recorded on May 5, 2003 in Liber 632 on Page 120, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Two And 29/100 Dollars (\$58,242.29), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 6, 2005. Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, Block 1, of Madsen's Addition, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing to receive public comment concerning the Downtown Development Plan presented by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for approval. The public hearing will allow residents and property owners in the DDA District to make comments regarding the proposed plan.

The public hearing will be held on Monday March 14, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grayling City Hall, located at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, Michigan.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing, especially property owners in the DDA District. A copy of the DDA Plan can be viewed at the City offices at 1020 City Boulevard during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Michele Moshier,
City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing to receive public comment concerning a Water and Sewer Benefit Fee Ordinance for the privilege of tapping into any City of Grayling owned and operated water mains or sewage systems. The public hearing will allow residents and property owners in the City of Grayling to make comments regarding the proposed ordinance.

The public hearing will be held on Monday March 14, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grayling City Hall, located at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, Michigan.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing. A copy of the Proposed Ordinance can be viewed at the City offices at 1020 City Boulevard during regular business hours Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Michele Moshier,
City Clerk

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Telephone: (989)348-4361

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 14, 2005, until 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 17th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 19th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come-first-served basis" and can also protest by mail or fax to (989)348-6713.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO
Agricultural	50.00
Commercial	50.00
Industrial	50.00
Residential	50.00

Terry Wright, Supervisor
Monica Ashton, Clerk

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW/ZONING BOARD/BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

The Lovells Township Board of Review will hold and organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at 4:30 p.m.

The Lovells Township Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on Monday, March 14, 2005 from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 and on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 from 3:00-9:00 p.m.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township:

Class	Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000

The budget hearing for the General, Landfill and Liquor Fund Budgets for fiscal year 2005-2006 will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lovells Township Board on Tuesday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m.

The Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals will meet for their regularly scheduled meeting at 4:00 and 4:30 p.m. at the town hall on Monday, April 4, 2005.

Fred Schainly
Lovells Township Supervisor

PUBLIC NOTICE

Plots, Page 28, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 3, 2005

For more information, please call:

FC S 248.593.1304

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Chase Home Finance, LLC successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #049665F01

FORECLOSURE SALE

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7490. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

-17-24-3-10-17

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Huck Davis and Elizabeth Davis, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns the Huntington Mortgage Company, Mortgagor, dated December 12, 2001, and recorded on December 17, 2001, in Liber 0563, on page 445, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy six thousand nine hundred seventy nine and 26/100 Dollars (\$76,979.26), including interest at 8.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock AM, on March 23, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County Michigan and are described as: Lot 6, Block 15, original plat of the City of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, page 2, Crawford County Records. Tax parcel ID# 20-070-100-015-006-00:

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 6, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 165 feet of the East 660 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, as recorded in Liber 605, Page 404 Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 16, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 19, Shangri-La Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof, as Recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 3 and 4, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 3, 2005

For more information, please call:

FC G 248.593.1310

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic

and assigns The Huntington Mortgage Company - Mortgagee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.

23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450

Southfield, Michigan 48075

File #049665F01

-10-17-24-3

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Todd Moore Married and Sharlene R... Moore, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagor, dated April 6, 2001, and recorded on April 30, 2001 in Liber 535 on Page 188, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Nine And 29/100 Dollars (\$82,479.29), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

March 4, 1982

A plan to place a railroad loading dock in Grayling has been temporarily put on hold while local officials collect more information on the amount of freight and number of railroad cars expected to be handled at the facility.

The 1982 Indoor Olympics held at the Grayling Senior Citizen Center last week attracted 85 area seniors competing in ping-pong, bridge, Euchre, Pinochle, Poker, dice, pool, scrabble, cribbage, chess, skittles, table shuffle board, Canasta and boggle. Medals awarded were: Pinochle - Valerie Zimmerman, gold; Jim Hensley, silver; and Mac Hadley, bronze. Table shuffleboard and skittles - Ann Griffin, gold; Mary Hopkins, silver; and Gladys Hannah, bronze. Pool - Jack LaBarge, gold; Rudy Zalac, silver, and Alex Donaldson, bronze.

The GHS wrestling continued their winning ways last weekend bringing home a regional Class C title trophy from Lakeview after beating out 30 other schools. In a clash between downstate and northern Michigan schools, the Grayling Grapplers placed 1st with a team total of 93 points.

46 Years Ago

March 5, 1959

Those who attended the MSU Alumni dinner at the AuSable Ranch and Ski Club Saturday night, were the Lewis Stillwagons, the Thane Hendershots, the Larry McNamaras, the Dr. Paul Doschs, and the Nels Olsons. There was

dancing afterwards.

The Palmer Insurance Agency, Crawford County's oldest at 53 years, has been sold it was announced late last week by Mrs. Nola Laurant, owner and by William Sorenson, owner of the Sorenson Insurance Agency who purchased it. The change of ownership was effective as of March 1st. The agency was founded in 1906 by the late Dr. Oscar Palmer who for many years was editor and publisher of the Avalanche.

Dr. Palmer was also a doctor of medicine, practiced dentistry and the law, was a teacher and served as Justice of the Peace. When the Avalanche was sold to the late Oscar Schumann by Dr. Palmer, he continued with his insurance agency. The Palmer Insurance Agency was purchased by Mr. Schumann from Dr. Palmer in 1953. The agency came into the hands of Mrs. Laurent in 1949.

Plans are being made for the first meeting of the International Marathon Canoe Race Committee to be held March 11th at Mio. Canoe Race Chairman Eric Post announces last week.

The first golf lesson in the series being given by William Miller and Lloyd Gierke went over very well Sunday night at the American Legion Hall.

The Grayling High School Vikings won two basketball games last week to windup their regular season play and this week go into District playoff competition. Final conference standings: Pellston 13-1, Gaylord 10-4, Charlevoix 10-4, Grayling 8-6,

East Jordan 8-6, Mancelona 3-11, Boyne City 3-11 and Harbor Springs 1-13.

The Frederic Eagles won victories over Vanderbilt and Merritt last week to close out their regular season. They finished the cage season with an 11 win and 7 loss record and a 6 and 6 record in conference play and a fourth place in the loop standing.

69 Years Ago

March 5, 1936

James Miller has taken over the gas station which is located on US-27 across from the Grayling Golf Club, and will handle McClanahan gas and oil.

Five Stephenson live traps, five tagging rates, 12 shipping crates and five wooden hand sleds are being constructed at CCC Camp Higgins Lake, eight miles south of Grayling on US-27, and will be used on a project for live trapping, tagging and transfer of deer from Crawford Game Refuge to other areas not plentifully populated with deer. The project is being carried on in cooperation with the Game Division of the Department of Conservation for the purpose of studying migratory habits and conditions of the deer as well as to stock other areas, according to chief foreman Andrew K. Braidwood.

The equipment will be placed in deer-infested swamp areas early March. Six weeks time will be consumed in the operation.

Schweitzer & Wilson, wholesale meat plant, located on Railroad Street next to Shoppenagons Inn Annex, has been moved to new quarters due to lack of room. The Salling Hanson Co. warehouse located on the Michigan Central Railroad has been secured by this firm and

is being converted into a packing plant in addition to their wholesale meat department.

If anyone can think of anything bigger-hearted than a fellow to buy choice alfalfa hay and have it distributed in the wilds to feed half-starved deer, we don't know what it is. George Burke doesn't forget the kiddies around here and this year he tossed a flock of dollars into buying hay for our deer. This was distributed in several parts of the county.

92 Years Ago

March 6, 1913

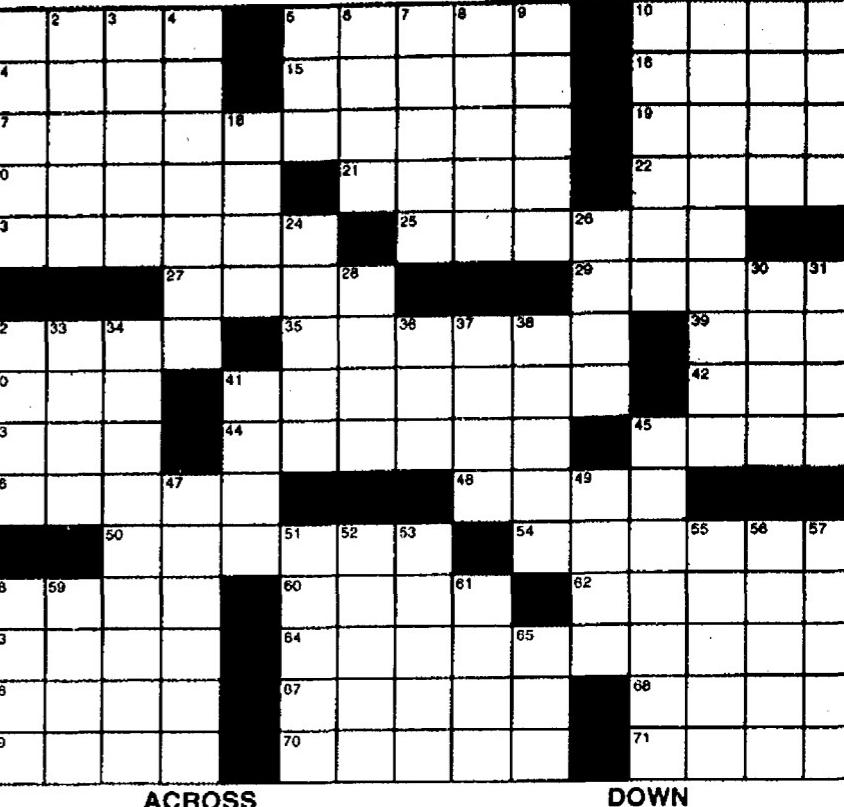
Mayor T. W. Hanson left yesterday for Lansing where he will meet Mr. O. F. Barnes and today these two will be joined by M. Hanson, J. J. Collen, H. Bauman and George Bellmore. This is the committee appointed by the Commercial association to wait upon the Governor and the legislature in the interests of the military camp site that has been offered the state by Mr. R. Hanson.

Many accidents to horses are reported in Beaver Creek as the result of the bad roads. Godfrey Hirzel, of Moorestown, lost a valuable horse owing to a broken leg.

Mrs. Victor Salling and Miss Salling were "at home" to a number of their friends on Thursday afternoon. There were about 30 ladies present and the afternoon was delightfully spent playing "500" after which a fine supper was served.

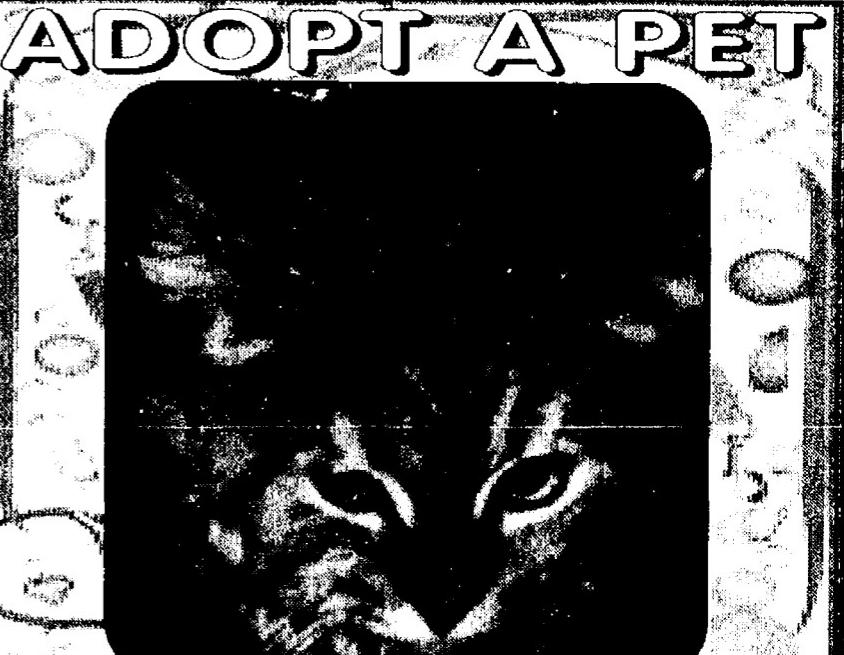
Mrs. Charles Canfield received first prize and Mrs. Olaf Michelson second prize. The party was another of the many enjoyable social occasions of this winter.

CROSSWORD



1. Priest's linen vestments.
5. "... by Now," Emmylou Harris
10. Fairuza ... Nancy in The Craft.
14. Slightly cooked.
15. Stringed musical instrument of India.
16. ... Thicke, Growing Pains dad.
17. Eddie Albert and Eve Gabor show.
19. Pinocchio's grew with each lie.
20. Frothy espresso coffee.
21. Cruise, Hanks and Selleck.
22. Once more.
23. LaWanda Page Sanford and Son role.
25. Proverb or aphorism.
27. Periods of time.
29. Band fronted by Liam Gallagher.
32. ... and Ginger.
35. Sam, cereal icon.
39. "... Got You Under My Skin." 4 Seasons tune.
40. Needed by Tin Man to move.
41. Hymn with strong harmonization.
42. Roseanne Conner's husband.
43. Metal container with handles.
44. Of an atom other than carbon.
45. Judy ... Girlfriends writer.
46. Sharon ... Basic Instinct femme fatale.
48. Bestow great love on.
50. ... Lear, Maude creator.
54. Matted together.
58. Stephen King bestseller.
60. Plural of "ileum."
62. John ... Jazz composer and pianist.
63. Dukes of Hazzard spinoff.
64. Fred and Wilma ...
66. Old form of "ache."
67. Bob ... Cabaret director.
68. ... After, Drew Barrymore flick.
69. My Three ...
70. John ... Earth: Final Conflict director.
71. Variant of "cess."

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



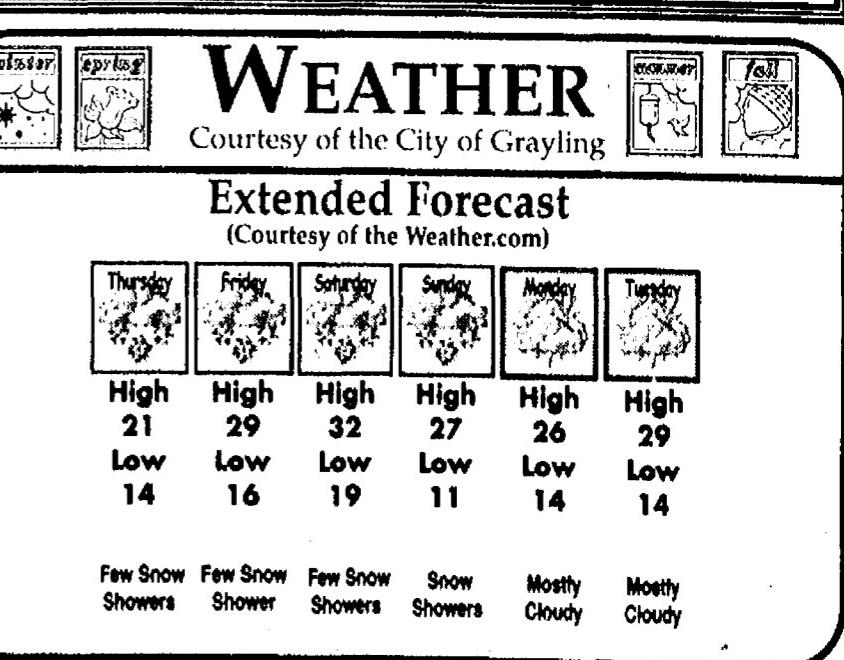
The animal shelter has several cats and kittens that are spayed or neutered and front declawed.

For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: www.ascc.petfinder.com

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Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
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After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117



RECIPE OF THE WEEK



- 1 (1-lb.) pkg. Smoked Sausage, cut into 1-inch slices
1 medium onion, chopped
1/3 cup green bell pepper, chopped

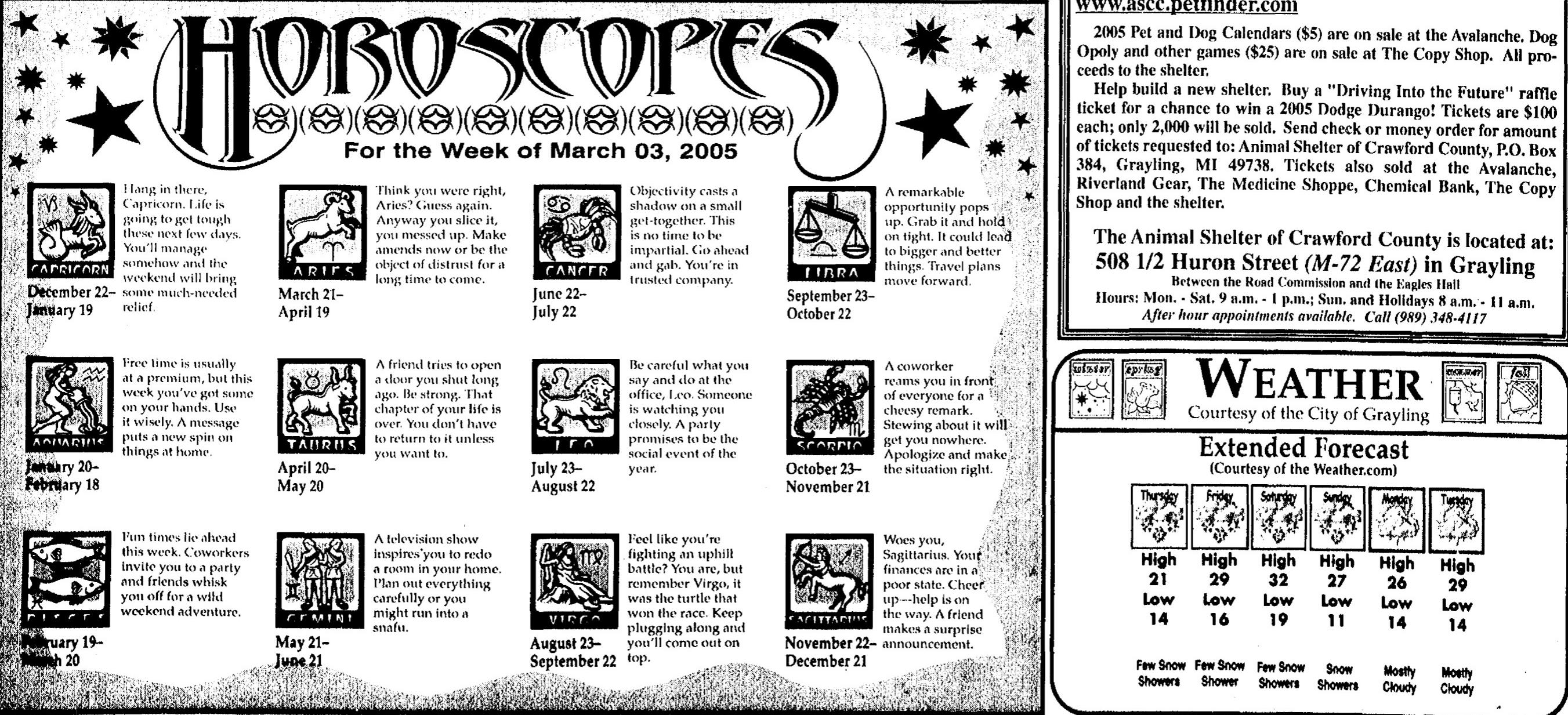
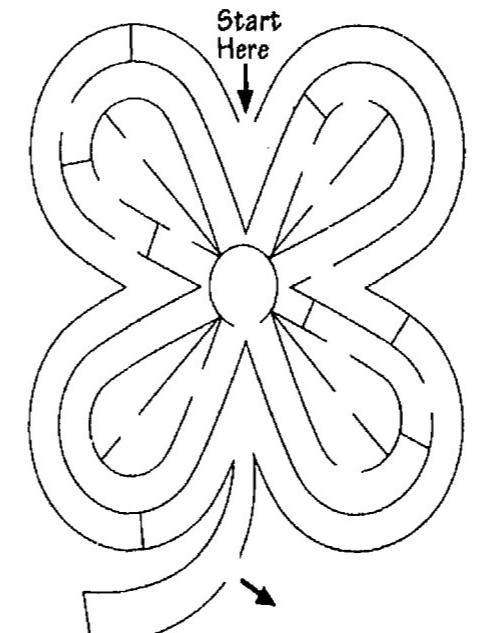
Clean and cut the vegetables, sausage and vegetables in the Prepare the jambalaya rice mix same saucepan. Remove from according to the package directions, heat and allow to sit for 5 minutes tions, adding the tomatoes, before fluffing with fork.

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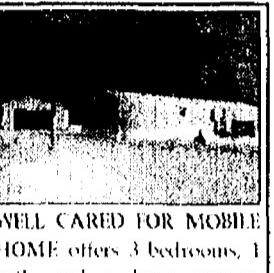
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1. Real Estate



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1. Real Estate

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1. Real Estate

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CUSTOM RANCH ON SECLUDED 1/2 acres. 1800 sq. ft. 3 BR, 2 bath home with partial stone fireplace, 10' ceilings, 10' windows, and a large deck. The home also very good and recently updated with its 3rd addition, has 2nd floor deck, heated porches, and a large sunroom. The kitchen adds to its character with tiled counters and custom cabinetry. This is a must see! \$99,500 #236198

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17 PLUS ACRES WITH 2 HOMES, 1 set for rental in one and live in the other that includes 3BR and 1 bath. Could put more rooms in as many rooms as you like. 612 ft. long driveway, double garage, 3 BR, 2 bath, 1000 sq. ft. home. Large 1 car garage, 2nd floor deck, and wrap around deck. Located within walking distance of the Holly Waters. \$235,900 #236775

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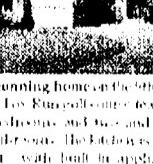
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HELP WANTED-Contractual transporter/Court attendant for the Family Division of the 46th Circuit Trial Court. Applicant must possess a valid Michigan Driver's License, have reliable transportation, no criminal history, a good driving record, and be willing to attend mandatory 5 day training program. Contract rate of payment is currently \$7.50 per hour. To apply, please send letter of interest by March 21st to the 46th Circuit Trial Court-Crawford County Family Division, Attention: Patricia Bonamie-Family Division Manager, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. (-3-10-17/3)

NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION

POSITION: Grayling High School Varsity Girls Track Coach. Description: Coach all aspects of girls track and field. Have working knowledge of all field events and running events and be able to teach and motivate the students. Must work cooperatively with other coaches and follow school and MHSAA regulations.

Qualifications: Preference given to those with track coaching experience and/or college participation in track and field.

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All New Crawford AuSable School District coaches will be required to attend the MHSAA PACE Workshops. This applies to both staff and non-staff coaches. Crawford AuSable School District, equal opportunity/affirmative action statement. (-3/3)

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8. Announcements



Crawford County United Way

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

THE DEVEREAUX LIBRARY and all branches will close for inventory of the main library Wednesday, March 9th through Saturday, March 12th. (-24-3-10/8)

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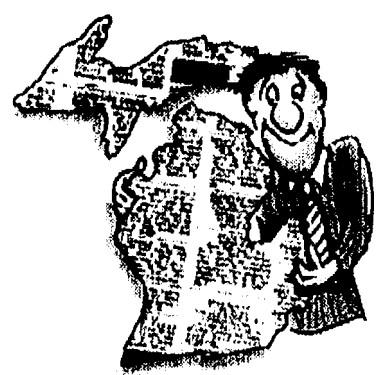
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